### THE Tomorrow

David Hewson reveals why BBC people are wringing their hands. And ashes

Bernard Levin might not be addicted to tobacco, but he would defend to the death people's right



The Books Page features a beery history and the biography of the Catholic priest who was the model for Dorian Grav.

The subject of the Times Profile is Roald Dahl, writer of charming children's fantasies and ghoulish tales for grown-

### Pension rise plan may cost £350m

The state of the s

The Treasury is planning to ask about 2.5 million teachers, council and health service employees to increase their pension contributions by 2 per cent of their salary. It is estimated that it would cost employees up to £350m. Page 2

### Early holiday for Commons

The Government took the unusual step of announcing months in advance that the Commons will rise for Easter in the week ending April 13. Easter is late next year.

### Spain unhappy

Madrid's growing exasperation with Paris over both Basque Provisional IRA terrorists to taken from the street.

refugees and EEC entry probomb Harrods was bought for the police have also rereduced a difficult backdrop to cash by a man answering an talks between President Mitteradvertisement in a London by Harrods at the time of the rand and Señor Gonzalez Page 8 local newspaper last month.

### NGA action

Lawyers representing the National Graphical Association and High Court sequestrators have met in an attempt to resolve a dispute over the blue car, registration KFP 252K, following the pattern 'export" of union funds to



### £7.6m arts aid

A £7.6m package to aid the Royal Shakespeare Company, the Royal Opera House and several regional opera companies has been announced

### Page 2 Moors killer ill

Ian Brady, serving a life sentence in Gartree prison, Leicestershire, for the Moors murders, has been admitted to the prison hospital. His weight has dropped from 13st to 7st

# Thatcher wish

Mrs Thatcher would choose to be Mother Teresa of Calcutta if there was a chance to be anyone else, she revealed on television

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TIMES

# Rate-capping Bill faces strongest test in the Lords

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Socretary of State for the Environment, has decided that he would have to resign if Parliamnnt fails to enact the Rates Bill published

But in private, as in public, he has expressed no doubt that the Bill, which will limit the power of local authorities to raise rates, will become law without major changes. His talk of resigning is a mark of this apparent confidence.

been new signs that Mr Jenkin is concerned at the strength of opposition being assembled against the Bill in the House of

In discussions with peers he has suggested that the Bill raises constitutional questions for them, since its provisions are concerned with taxation and expenditure and since it was promised in a manifesto endorsed by the electorate.

The second point is one on which members of the unelected House are sensitive. But the first carries an implied threat which Conservative peers yes-terday did not like, and which

they consider empty.
Under the Parliament Act, 1911, the House of Lords has no power to amend a money Bill. dealing with such matters as taxation and money supply.

But the definition of a money Bill under the Act excludes, according to Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice, "12xation, money or loan raised by local authorities for local

The car was offered for sale

The buyer turned up at the

for a few hundred pounds by a

part-time dealer who often

dealer's house at night after

telephoning and left with the

used by another Provisional

IRA group operating in London

some years ago. They too acquired a vehicle through an advertisement and then stored

William Hucklesby, head of the

anti-terrorist squad and in charge of the search for the

Harrods bombers, said that an

artist's impression of the car

Mr Hucklesby would not say how much had been paid for the

car and would not identify the

dealer because evidence might

later be required in a court case.

forensic evidence from the scene of the bombing in Hans

Crescent, Knightsbridge, on

Saturday was taken to the Metropolitan Police labora-

tories in Lambeth and to

explosive experts at Woolwich

Mr Hucklesby said that 180

dustbins and seven builder's

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Yesterday the last of the

buyer may soon be issued.

Commander

trades in old vehicles.

Yesterday

There is no doubt that the

many Conservative, as well as ment ceilings from "capped Opposition and cross-bench councils" would not be legally peers, who will be within their enforceable. constitutional rights.

The Bill, which received its first Commons reading yester-day, showed that the Government has rejected almost all criticism from its own sup-

### Probable timetable

At the same time, there have Spring: Rates Bill becomes law. Summer: Ministers reveal councils to be capped. December: individual rate support grants for 1985 announced; councils to be capped learn rate

> January: Capped councils expected to "appeal". March: Government seeks mons approval of capping. April: Demands issued to ratepayers; capped councils must include signed guarantee that demands are within government cellings – otherwise ratepayers

> porters about "capping" rates of councils which ignore government spending guidelines and issue soaring rate demands.

can refuse to pay.

The Bill will require ministers to name the first candidates for "capping" in the middle of 1984. It sets out two powers. One will enable ministers to list what they consider the most outrageous high-spenders in one year and fix legally-enforceable ceilings to their rates for the

Mr Jenkin said yesterday that Bill will be strongly resisted by rate demands above govern-

Police trace dealer

who sold bomb car

The Austin 1300 GT used by skips filled with debris had been

Harrods canopies.

ever assembled.

September.

but stable".

the forensic investigation will be sent to the special inquiry

centre, which is now spread

across an entire floor at

Scotland Yard. The centre and

its operations room are believed

to be the largest the Yard has

London's busiest streets.

gained from a course in the

latest techniques of handling

data and intelligence provided

by an American company in

Today Mr Hucklesby will

appear at the opening of inquests into the five people

who died in the blast. Their post-mortem examinations took

almost two days. The inquests,

to be held by the Westminster

coroner, are expected to be

adjourned after a brief hearing.

who lost his right leg when he

was caught by the blast with his

alsatian sniffer dog, underwent an operation. Surgeons may have to amputate his left leg.

Scotland Yard said last night

that his condition was "critical

Since the blast the police have dealt with at least 800 false

alarms and yesterday two men

were arrested after an attempt

to hold up Lloyds Bank in Kensington High Street with a

package which was claimed to

contain explosives. The bank

was evacuated for a time while the police examined the pack-

Yesterday PC John Gordon.

Provisional IRA terrorists to taken from the street.

The plans will probably affect only Labour-led authorities. Prime candidates if such powers were available now would include the Greater London Council, several London boroughs and some Labour-led county councils.

But the Bill includes a reserve power to "cap" rates of all councils in England and Wales. Mr Jenkin, aware of strong Conservative opposition to the general proposal, insisted that ils main purpose was to act as a deterrent - "to be used only if absolutely necessary.

Sir Terence Beckett, directoreneral of the Confederation of British Industry, described the Bill as "a much-needed restraint on the tiny minority of town and county halls which have for too long been spending beyond their means."

The Bill attracted little support elsewhere, despite the presence of powers to exempt hundreds of councils, most led by Conservatives.

Councils whose total spending is less than £10m a year will be exempt from selective "capping", and the Bill allows ministers to remove particular councils from the reserve general scheme... The Bill also entitles minis-

ters to seek parliamentary powers to raise the £10m spending barrier below which councils cannot be earmarked for selective rate-capping. But the Association of District

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# Ireland set to toughen law on IRA

By Richard Ford, Dublin

The Government of the Irish-Republic is to consider toughening laws on incitement to violence and hatred but has ning Provisional Sinn Fein, the Provisional IRA's political the remains of green and gold The evidence produced from

While 2,000 soldiers and police continued searching woods in Leitrim, where they believe Mr Don Tidey's Provisional IRA kidnappers are trapped, the Cabinet met in Dublin to consider a series of security reports.

The police have brought in Dr Garret FitzGerald promspecialized methods of crossised a review of the threat posed to the state by subversives as anger mounted at the reference and collation for the inquiry, which will try 10 death of two members of the pinpoint events between midday and 1.21 pm, when the security forces in shoot-out bomb exploded in one of during Mr Tidey's rescue.

The Government security They are using the knowledge committee met before the full Cabinet knowing some ministers favoured an immediate

> Eventually ministers decided to review existing legislation allowing for sentences of 20 years conviction of incitement to violence to see if it could be made more effective in "pro-secuting and convicting those promoting the activities of unscrapulous terrorists by incitement to violence

hatred". In a clear reference Provisional Sinn Fein and the Irish Republican Socialist Party, political wing of Irish National Liberation Army, the Cabinet also decided to consider further measures against the "insidious actions of those promoting terror activities while claiming to be unasso ciated with them".

In the review the Govern ment will consult the police and army but, more unusually, will involve Mr Charles Haughey, the opposition leader, who has promised his Fianna Fail party's support In its attempt to placate

iblic opinion the Government will consider further restric-tions on reports of Provisional There was criticism vesterday of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament for holding Sinn Fein activities Continued on back page, col 6

memo'mole' dismissed By John Witherow A junior civil servant was

Donaldson

dismissed from the Department of Employment yesterday for leaking a confidential memo. which showed that Sir John Donaldson, the Master of the Rolls, gave advice to the Government on industrial relations reforms.

The administration trainee, a graduate who had been in the department for 18 months, was suspended earlier this month without pay after details of the document were published in The Guardian newspaper and Time Out magazine on November 30.

The document, which the Department of Employment said had been stolen, showed that Sir John discussed legisla-tive proposals last year with Mr Michael Quinlan, then permanent secretary designate of the department

the main contractor and Marconi Space and Defence Sys-tems the equally important able to operate on a much larger number of channels than Skynet II.

The satellites have been igned to be resistant to electronic immoint and to be able to withstand the effect of

Until the setback repreesented by the British decisi the Ariane project had had a good year with successful launchings in June and October. For the June launch, the main payload was ECS 1, the first of five European Com-munications Satellites, for



opened community centre in Manchester yesterday. Katie Slater, aged 15, gained Theatre, became the target of the Prince.

departure.

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commander, talked angrily of the Syrian "conspiracy" which

had brought about the PLO's

moment of utter defeat, Mr

Arafat appeared anxious to keep

open the option of future talks

with Damascus. In a short and

slightly strained cerement late on Monday night, at which he thanked the Mayor and city

fathers of Tripoli for their

"support" - a word with which

the burghers might not have agreed - he also said that he had

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not asked for the battle.

Curiously, even

# Israeli jets watch Arafat's tiny armada sail away

From Robert Fisk, Tripoli, northern Lebanon

warships and an aircraft carrier, Mr Yassir Arafat and his 4,000 suggesting before their depar-ture, however, that Mr Arafat guerrillas left their last Lebanese may try to stage a political coup enciave at Tripoli yesterday onby travelling soon to Amman to reopen negotiations with King Husain of Jordan for autonomy board five Greek ferryboats. They sailed under a diminutive UN flag, watched all the time by on the occupied West Bank the Israeli Air Force, their under the terms of President military power finally extin-Reagan's Middle East peace plan. Reports circulating in Tripoli

guished by the Arabs The Israelis sent their said that the King would be reconnaissance jets to watch Mr Arafat's tiny armada sail at happy to see the PLO chairman, dusk amid the thunder of but the Americans could well farewell gunfire from the question whether Mr Arafat - if he at last decides to negotiate guerrillas on deck and the explosions of rocket-propelled grenades just outside the Tripoli ront line, where Mr Arafat's Palestinian and Syrian opponents were celebrating victory.

any longer represents the Palestinian people. Mr Arafat called the evacu-ation a sad day for the Palestinians, while Abu Jihad.

# Wage deals too high

says Bank

By Peter Wilson-Smith **Banking Correspondent** 

Pay settlements are still too high and need to come down further to improve industry's competitiveness, the Bank of England says in its latest Quarterly Bulletin. But it is more optimistic about growth prospects than it was a few months aro.

The Bank has come round to the Treasury view that the economy is growing at about 3 per cent a year, It believes that improved company finances could herald a pick-up in capital spending, which will help to sustain the recovery once consumer spending slackens.

The Bank is still worried about industry's ability to compete internationally. The Bulletin points to big improve ments in productivity in the past three years and the fall in the pound since autumn 1982 which has helped to improve competitiveness.
British costs, however are

still high by international comparison and "moderation in wage increases therefore re-mains very important," the Bank says.
The Bank would like to see

pay settlements falling faster and although deals in the new pay round are down slightly, inflation has fallen faster over the same period.

The Bulletin criticizes the US Administration for running a big budget deficit. This has kept interest rates higher than necessary and threatens the continuation of the world recovery, it says. Further confirmation that

economic activity is still picking up came yesterday with publication of the revised output measure of gross domestic product, which rose 1.2 per cent in the third quarter to a level 2.2 per cent above the third quarter of 1982. Kenneth Fleet, page 15

# **Thatcher** refuses to act over oil rig

By David Felton and Philip Webster

The Government last night made clear that it has no intention of intervening in the growing political storm over the cancellation of an £86m oil rig contract at the Scott Lithgow Yard on the Lower Clyde. More than 8,000 jobs are threatened. Ministers, led by the Prime

Minister, resolutely refused in the Commons to be drawn into the wrangle over the cancel-lation of the order for the semisubmersible rig by a consortium headed by Britoil. There are signs that the contractual dispute will now go before the

courts.
Scott Lithgow, which employs more than 4,200 workers at its Greenock Yard issued a writ yesterday against Lloyds Leasing, owners of the rig which is being built for Britoil and Ben Odeco. It claims that Britoil's cancellation of the order was

"invalid".

Union leaders who pressed ministers to intervene and bring pressure on Britoil to renego-tiate rather than cancel the contract said that, without reversal of the cancellation, the yard could close with the loss of 6,000 jobs in ancillary indus-tries on top of those employed

at the yard.

Last night, the executive of the General Municipal Boiler-makers and Allied Trades Union met in London to consider the results of a ballot among its 30,000 members at British Shipbuilders. This showed a majority in favour of supporting a national strike over pay and productivity.

The executive was under pressure to suspend the strike call in view of the crisis at Scott

Lithgow. Mrs Thatcher said during question time in the Commons hat the Greenock Yard had "an abysmal record" for building rigs and ships to budget and on time. Mr Norman Lamont, Minister of State for Industry, said later, during angry scenes that government intervention would be counter-productive.

Under pressure from Oppo-sition MPs to urge Britoil to renegotiate the contract, Mr Lamont said that it was not in the national interest to pour ood money after bad, and h blamed the cancellation on inefficiency, poor performance, late delivery and massive losses A delegation from the Scot-tish TUC yesterday told Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, that closure of the yard would double the male unemployment rate on the lower Clyde to about 40 per

The rig was due for completion next April but has 30 per cent completed. It is said to be 500 days behind schedule. Britoil claims that Scott Lithgow had refused on several occasions to renegotiate the night defended its policy of terms of the contract and that as veiled threats against the PLO Continued on back page, col 1 to cancel the order.

# PANOUS GROUP MEST SCOTCH WHISE Quality in an age of change.

# Satellite deal may launch UK astronaut

By Rodney Cowton **Defence Correspondent** 

PC John Gordon: Still in

critical condition.

The prospect of Britain patting an astronaut into space came a stage nearer with the decision yesterday to launch military communi-British cations satellites, using the American spacehottle rather than the European Ariane rocket

Two Skynet IV satellites will be launched - the first in late 1985 and the second in 1986 at a combined cost of £60m. As. a result of choosing the shuttle, Britain becomes entitled to send an astronaut on a future

flight.
The Ministry of Defence said yesterday that minister: had not yet considered whether to take up the opportunity. That decision was peripheral to which launch vehicle to use.

The Ministry has refused to discuss any details about the selection and training of an astronaut, although it is believed that it has a short list of candidates drawn from with experience in the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy.

The Government's decision was announced in the Commons through a written reply by Mr John Lee, the Under Secretary of State for Defence

It will have come a a severe blow to the Ariane project and, in particular the French, who have a more than 60 per cent stake in it. The British stake is not quite 2.5 per cent.

The Ministry of Defence said using the shuttle was cheaper than Ariane, Britain would continue to give Ariane full consideration for the launch of future satellites. Skynet IV has been designed

from the start to be competitive with the shuttle, but the Ministry said the second stage of the Skynet project would be designed to be compatible with Arione as well. Skynet IV will be the first British military communi-cations satellite to be put in

orbit for more than 10 years. Skynet II is believed to be operating beyond its designed life and Skynet III was

The satellites, for which British Aerospace Dynamics is

which British Aerospace is the prime contractor.

Leyland Trucks has susprogramme at its Bathgate plant in Scotland.

The decision freezes the £70m deal with the Cummins Engine Company in the United States for a Bathgate-built engine due to go into production in 1985.

Leyland Trucks has suffered substantial fall in foreign demand and is reviewing investment plans. The management say the company can no longer endure present trading losses. Increases in production or prices have been ruled out.

The Cummins deal, sealed 15 months ago, was described by the Leyland group chairman. Mr David Andrews, as vital for

the future of Bathgate.
Union leaders at the plant have requested a meeting with the management and with Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, to allay fears about the plant's future.

### Judgment on title deferred

A retired army colonel will have to wait until early next year to learn whether or not he succeed to the ancient Scottish baronetcy of Dunbar of

Mochrum. Yesterday Scotland's Lord Lyon King of Arms reserved his judgment after hearing two days of legal debate before the Lyon or legal depate before the Lyon court in Edinburgh. Colonel William Dunbar, aged 90, of Herne Bay, Kent is challenging the right of his cousin, Sir Jean Ivor Dunbar, a former American jockey, aged 65, of New York, to the title of 13th

### Airline gifts cost £200,000

British Airways are spending £200,000 to give all of its passengers a special Christmas present this week.

Starting yesterday the airline try's top-level consultative was giving away Wedgwood plates and crystal tumblers to national overtime ban over pay and pit closures into the new passengers at Heathrow airport. Children will receive records and tapes of their favourite music or stories. The airline carries 14,000 passengers a day through Heathrow and the gifts dent of the National Union of Mineworkers, said that the ban, now into its eighth week, had cost 2.4 million tonnes in will be presented to passengers lost production.

The situation is likely to

### Seizure of sex dolls backed

Judge Anwyl-Davies, in the second part of his judgment at Southwark Crown Court, Lonrisory Committee, the only forum in which the coal board believes an acceptable ap-proach to the Government could don, said yesterday that cus-toms officers were right to seize 500 blow-up sex dolls when they arrived at Heathrow airport from West Germany in

October last year.

Last week he ruled that the dolls, which he described as extension of the industry's tripartite Plan for Coal, and hideously offensive, were obscene and indecent. They were imported by Conegate Ltd. now those talks are likely to go trading as Quietlynn, which has it will not join any approach to the Secretary of State for Energy, unless it is on a policy of "no pit closures and an end a nationwide sex shop chain.

### **£200,000** pay for dentists'

Some British dentists are earning between £100,000 and £200.000 by carrying out nonessential work, according to Mr Barry Sheerman, Labour MP for Huddersfield.

"It is only a few, from what I am told, probably between 20 and 50, but it is a disgraceful situation," he said.

"We shall be doing no more than what has been done already — that is seeking sensible talks."

# Public service workers may pay more to pension plans

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspond

The 2 per cent decision

seen as the conclusion of the

Prime Minister's demand for

action on inflation-proof-pen-

sions, which resulted in the Scott Report, Inquiry into the

Value of Pensions, three years

ago. Sir Bernard Scott said then:

"If, the battle to contain inflation is successful, then the

equalities between pensions will diminish to more manageable

proportions."
Inflation was 15.3 per cent in
November 1980, compared

Ministers are also keen to

with 4.8 per cent last month.

In the teachers' scheme, before last year's rise, 26 per

cent of pensions were less than

£2,000 a year and another 45

considerable

present

The Treasury is to ask 2.5 Treasury sources are now ment and National Health between 7 and 8 per cent for the Service employees to increase indexed schemes, and the new their pension contributions by 2 rates could be introduced from per cent of pay.

It is estimated that this could

cost employees £350m.

Official sources said ministers had decided that all public sector pensions contributions should be at "a realistic level", and Whitehall now accepted that this is the 7.9 per cent notional contribution made by the 657,000 members of the inflation-proof Civil Service

The idea has been informally floated to Civil Service union leaders that the notional 7.9 per cent contribution should be turned into an actual contribution - at no cost to either

Meanwhile, plans are being proof pensions are by no means laid to increase the employee represented by some of the contributions of the 1,060,000 high-level examples often cited local government pension scheme members, the 613,000 by the media. In the health service scheme, before last year's increase, 52.1 per cent of teachers' scheme members, and the 820,000 members of the health service pension scheme. pensions were less than £1,000 a

Manual employees in the health service and local govenment now contribute 5 per cent of pay, while non-manuals and teachers contribute 6 per cent of

Miners' leaders voted yester-

iay to withdraw from indus-

machinery and to continue their

Mr Arthur Scargill, presi-

any pay negotiations on the 5.2 per cent offer seem further

away than ever after the union executive's decision to leave the

five-year-old Joint Policy Ad-

The three mining unions and

ead. But the NUM says that

the board are due to meet next

month to draw up an ambitious

to manpower reductions".

The coal board says that

uniess mormal overtime is

permitted over the 10-day Christmas holiday, up to 40

collieries could be at risk from

worsen next month

### per cent were between £2,000 and £4,000. Miners to GPs attack rules for continue deputies work ban

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent About 80 per cent of the 12,000 family doctors who use deputizing services to cover night and weekend calls would be barred from doing so under new rules proposed by Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for

Health, the British Medical Association said yesterday. According to these, doctors in partnerships of three or more would be expected to cover each other's night calls without

resource to deputizing services. Doctors working alone or in partnerships of two would normally be restricted to using the services three nights a week

and alternative weekends.

Mr Michael Lowe, secretary to the BMA's advisory committee on deputizing services, said that as a result deputizing services would become uneconomic and close, with general practice in inner-city areas

collapsing.

Many older family doctors in able to cope with taking late night calls four nights a week. He said: "They would just get out and I think you would have a job recruiting new doctors to

 Britain's opticians yesterday launched a campaign to oppose the Government's Bill ending their monopoly to dispense spectacles. The Federation of Optical Corporate Bodies said that, for all except the simplest prescriptions, prices would rise, not fall, as the Government

# Mitchell poll

his general election expenses are to be referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions, it was said in the High Court in London

court to ask to be excused from any penalty for exceeding his expenses return by an admitted him over the allowed expenses

But the move was opposed by Mr Paul Genney, the unsuccess ful SDP candidate, and Mr Mitchell agreed to withdraw the bulk of his application so that the allegation against him could be dealt with, along with others, by the DPP.



# Ship towns fear catastrophe

By David Black

The now seemingly inevi-table closure of British Ship-builders' Scott Lithgow yard will mean a virtual end to shipbuilding in the Lower Clyde. For 272 years the yard has

been the main employer in the Inverciyde area. Its demise would turn Port Glasgow and Greenock into one of Britain's biggest areas of unemployment, and Inverciyde is now bracing itself for this social catas-

Cancellation of the Britoil rig this week had been expected in the yard and in the community for more than five months. The announcement numbed rather than outraged the people of Port Glasgow and

Most feel the workforce has

latest twist in the dispute

involving the Treasury on one

and the Department of Energy

In what has been seen as a

compromise, the Cabinet agreed

to ask for a 2 per cent increase on domestic tariffs, which it has

no power to implement. Al-

though there are signs that this

council some electricity indus-

try leaders are still unhappy and

The council is due to

consider the price increase

committee inquiry, which is

may be in the mood to rebel.

on the other.

been conditioned by the months of speculation over their future. Today there is a feeling of defeat in the towns in spite of moves by politicians and union aders to avert closure.

The loss of 4,500 jobs by next spring would raise male memployment from its present 16 per cent to between 35 and On the Lower Clyde it would

leave only British Shipbuilders' small Ferguson Ailsa yard in Port Glasgow and the John Kincaid engine works which together employ barely 1,500. A decade of recession has also

seen the town's textile and sugar industries collapse. only one other large employer remains - IBM, with a workforce of 2,500. Yesterday Greenock's provost, Mr Harry Mulholland, predicted the closure would cost a further 4,000 jobs in the area. He said: "The town would probably never recover

Ten years ago Scott was involved in submarine and other naval construction. Lithgow then built tankers, and together they employed more than 10,000.

A example of the town's plight is the fact that more than 8,000 applications were received last month by IBM.

The Fraser of Allender Institute has given a warning that the closure would cause ripples far beyond the Lower Clyde. It estimates a total 8.500 redundancies could follow within 12 months. as far away as the West

# Policeman accused of accosting

plain-clothes policewoman for The Cabinet's decision to ask sex in Nottingham's red light the electricity industry to raise district, magistrates were told prices to domestic consumers yesterday. Detective Chief Inspector Robert Warner, of the by 2 per cent in April is to be investigated by the all-party Commons Select Committee on Lincolnshire Constabulary's fraud and drugs squad, alleged to have asked Police Woman The decision of the newly Janet Greenwood, of the Nottinghamshire force, "How formed committee to hold an inquiry into fuel prices is the much is it?."

The police woman, aged 30, told Nottingham magistrates that she replied: "What for?" He then said: "Straight sex." She produced her warrant

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, has been pressing for a 3 signalled to two other plainper cent increase on domestic and industrial users, which Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of clothes officers in the vicinity. Chief Inspector Warner, aged 49, was before the court to State for Energy and the Electricity Council resisted answer a police summons

prosecution said that the chief inspector had committed no offence. The 1361 Act was used

of others, such as peeping toms. The Act was one of the oldest on the statute books. But Mr Blundell said it had stood the request at its meeting on less of time and many people January 19 but the select had been bound over under it.



aged six, of Stockport, who

gave some of her bone marrow in an attempt to save the life her baby brother, Aaron, visiting Mrs Thatcher at the Commons yesterday. Her mother, Mrs Maxine Fitts, took her to see Mrs Thatcher at Westminster immediately after Prime Minister's Question

# Harrods car bomb policemen fight for their lives

The two policemen critically who was with Miss Arbuthnor njured in the Harrods car bombing were fighting for their ives yesterday as more victims

spoke of their ordeal. PC John Gordon, aged 30, a dog handler who lost his right eg and fingers on his right hand, is in danger of losing his other leg. Westminster Hospital said. Inspector Stephen Dodd. aged 34, remains critically ill with severe head injuries and

PC Gordon successfully came through a two-hour operation esterday. But afterwards, Mr Malcolm Lennox, the operation coordinator, said: "We are dreadfully concerned about his left leg. There is a possibility that he may lose it."

Surgeons were pleased with the way PC Gordon's wounds

were healing, but his kidneys remained the main worry. Mr Lennox said: "He is on a haemo-dialysis machine and the major threat to his life is his kidney function."

Had PC Gordon not been at the peak of physical condition he would not have survived. He was aware he had lost a leg but did not know of the concern for his other leg.

Inquests on Sergeant Noel ane and WPC Jane Arbuthnot, who died in the bombing will be opened at Westminster Coroner's Court today. Their funerals will not be arranged until after the inquests.

At Harrods, Miss Arbuthion's parents, accompanied by her two brothers and sister walked silently past the place where she died. Mrs Susan Arbuthnot said: "I think Jane would have been pleased that we have come. That is why we

Mrs Arbuthnot and her husband, John, bought dark

By Michael Horsnell

when the bomb went off PC Gordon's wife Sheils aged 34, who is due to give birth to the couple's second child in February, has kept a bedside vigil at the hospital since Saturday's bombing. He joined the Metropolitan Police cight years ago and served with the Special Patrol Group before

becoming a dog handler last Insp Dodd, who is in the intensive care unit at the Central Middlesex Hospital, specializes in treating head injuries, was walking behind the police car when the bomb went off. He is married with three children. He joined the Metropolitan Police in 1968 and became an inspector at Chelsea police station in 1981.

Two of the three patients still detained at St Stephen's Hospital in Fulham. west London, paid tribute to the care they have received at the hospital where dozens of off-duty staff came in on Saturday without being asked.

Mr Pradip Khaitan, aged 42 a solicitor from Calcutta on a week's business trip with his brother, and Mr Ken Ayres, aged 53, a chauffeur who was driving them in London, spoke of their ordeal.

The third victim still being treated at St Stephen's, Mrs Diane Michael, was said to be in a stable condition yesterday.

• A man charged with making a hoax bomb call two days after the Harrods explosion, was remanded in custody by Old Street Magis-trates Court in London yesterday. Ian Samuda, aged 21, is accused of claiming that there was a bomb in Bond Street. Mayfair.

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Mr Samuda, of Mandeville carves and two black ties at the Street. Hackney, east London. store before being driven home elected to be tried by jury and by Sergeant Micheal Thwaite, was remanded until December from Chelsea police station, 29.

Adams, was elected Westmins-

ter MP for West Belfast, but has

not taken his seat. The party has

five abstaining members elected to the Northern Ireland As-

However it will contest next

year's EEC election and if

successful would take any seats

won. In the june general election the party secured more

than 100,000 votes - 43 per cent

In the republic it believes that

the deprivation and disillusion

among young people is fertile

ground for their political devel-

In Northern Ireland the party

of the nationalist vote.

of northern nationalism.

# Sinn Fein to fight any political ban

Its president Mr Gerry

Leaders of Provisional Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Provisional IRA, would challenge any future ban on them by demonstrations and legal chal-

would reconstitute under another name as it does not want to be driven underground. But its leaders are acutely aware of the propaganda value of any

If the Government of the Irish Republic outlawed the party is aiming to party it would do so under the Offences Against the State Act, and Labour Party as the voice cames a maximum penalty of seven years for belonging to a proscribed organization. Its 27 councillors would face arrest and its offices

and Republican News would be closed. The party dates from 1970 when the republican movement split over whether to drop its policy of not recognizing parlia-ments in Belfast and Dublin. Thirteen years later, it has adopted the radical left-wing policies favoured then by

Official Sinn Fein now known as the Workers' Party.

Provisional Sinn Fein's membership is estimated at 2,000 in each part of Ireland. Support is strongest in urban areas of Northern Ireland and along the Republic's western

In the republic the party has In the republic the party has refused to register as a party to avoid tacitly recognizing a partitionist state – although in the 1979 local government elections it put up 106 candidates in the mouble. dates in the republic.

Since 1981 begun the party has taken seats won in local

1981 two prisoners won Dail seats in Cavan Monaghan and

During the hunger strike of

council elections. Home players

has successfuly used "community politics", operated through advice centres manned mostly by unemployed young people. Candidates must support the armed struggle and canvas normally. Its general election manifesto demanded British withdrawal to by followed by radical left-wing policies that are the hallmark of the northern young Turks" who dominate the party. The policy for a federal Ireland was rejected in 1981 in

favour of a unitary state, despite opposition from the leadership in the republic. The party is governed by a 28-strong executive elected annually by secret ballot.

• Politicians and civil servants in Northern Ireland believe that any proscription of Provisional Sinn Fein could be

a fatal mistake because it would be used for international propaganda and probably aid recruit-Father whose

### dominate Brighton chess From Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent, Brighton

With a strong entry compris-ing three grandmaster and seven international masters, the

Brighton Computer Games Ltd. international tournament looks like ending in a resounding success for the England players who at the end of round eight, occupied all the leading places. With one round to go, the grandmaster John Nunn leads

with 612 points followed by international masters, Nigel Short six, William Watson 5, and Julian Hadgson 41/2 Then came the grandmaster Westerinen (Finland) and the

international master Murei (Israel) on 4, the grandmaster Mednis (USA) and the international masters Plaskett (England) 3½, Ivanov (Canada) 3 and Burger (USA) 0.

The results in round eight on Monday were: Plaskett 12, Hodgson 14, Mednis 1, Murei 0, Burger 0, Watson 1, Short 1, Ivanov 0, Westerinen 12, Nunn

In the ninth and last round yesterday, Short has black against Watson, he needs to win in order to gain the grandmaster

norm and with it the title.

# beating blinded baby is jailed

A father who battered his crying baby son so badly that it is now permanently blind was jailed for 30 months by St Albans Crown Court yesterday. The savage attack took place when the baby's screams dis-turbed the father who was trying to watch the television series Night Rider. The child's brain was bruised.

Jailing the father, aged 30, Judge J. Blofield, QC, said: "You repeatedly struck that three-month-old baby across the face with such horrifying violence that it has caused him lasting injuries that will be with him until the day he dies.

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flooding or spontaneous com-bustion. But Mr Scargill said,

cash allegations Allegations that Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Grimsby, failed to declare all

Mr Mitchell had gone to £261 - a sum which also took

Mr Genney was Mr Mit-chell's election agent before he moved to the SDP

opera saved

companies.

DPP to rule on

### **Inquiry by** MPs into fuel prices By Philip Webster Political Reporter

A police chief allegedly asked

side and the Electricity Council card from her jeans pocket and

> asking that he be bound over to be of good behaviour under the Justice of the Peace Act of 1361. He denied the complaint.
>
> Mr David Blundell, for the

in cases of people who were misbehaving to the annoyance

due to begin immediately after Christmas and which will take evidence from the Treasury, the concret department and the council, may encourage it not to goose is good for the gander and the fact that he is a police take a final decision in the hope and the fact that he is a police that it will gain support from MPs.

good 15 good 16 in the police and the fact that he is a police officer makes no difference The hearing continues today.

PM's visitor: Jodie Fitts

# £7.6m rescue for opera and RSC

The Royal Shakespeare Company, the Royal Opera House and several regional opera companies are to be saved from their financial crises by a £7.6m rescue it to £95.9m, compared with the 20 per cent it had requested.

operation announced by Lord Gowrie, the Minister for the Arts, yesterday.

Lord Gowrie said that £2.8m would go to the Royal Opera House and the RSC on the recommendation of the Priestley Report, which concluded that the two companies were underfunded. A further £1.3m would be given to English National Opera, Scottish Ope-ra, Welsh National Opera and Opera North.

An additional £3.5m will be

sought to wipe out all the accumulated deficits of the

of Lord Gowrie's disclosure of

the arts budget for 1984/85,

grant created resentment among regional theatres vesterday and received a lukewarm reception from the Arts Coun-Sir William Rees-Mogg, the council's chairman, welcomed the special grant for the RSC opera companies but

concerned that the maintained

grant for the rest of our arts

needs will leave many difficult problems for other companies,

Government is tackling two of the big problems thoroughly.

ugh I recognize that the

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent which totals £100m compared "The case for more funding for other companies is, of with £92m this year. But £4.1m course, just as strong as the case for more funding for the two companies on which Mr of the total will be earmarked for the use of the RSC and the opera companies, giving the Arts Council a real increase of Priestly reported. In future 4.2 per cent in its grant raising years, attention must be focused on raising the level of arts opportunity and provision

The apportioning of the outside London to something closer to the London level." Lord Gowrie denied that the decision unfairly favoured London activities and the opera companies, and said that the writing-off of the debts would give the Arts Council more

money to spend on other activities. Opera was an activity of increasing popularity throughout the country, he said.
The minister's announcement, made in a written House of Lords reply, was described as "an insult to regional theatre and the Arts Council" by Mr gradual erosion in the regions.

Philip Hedley, director of the Theatre Royal, Stratford. "The Royal Opera House and the Royal Shakespeare Company are palpably over-

funded in comparison to re-

gional theatre because there is sgraceful waste at both." Mr Hedley criticized the salary of nearly £50,000 paid to the RSC's joint director, Mr Trevor Nunn, who is at present on unpaid subbatical. "Niy actors get £95 to £125 a

week and I get nearly £200 a

week. That's a good salary for

me but I'm running an organization with more than £500,000 Mr William Weston, administrator of the Leeds Playhouse, said: "This clearly isn't a substantial improvement in arts funding and it will inevitably lead to further

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# One in four men admits driving above the drink limit after parties

if they have their licences suspended for at least a year.

normally car-borne activities, including his job.

of their premiums and a cut in

Some companies protect

Christopher Motorists' Security

plan on a premium of £64 a year and £8,500 for a five-star

the company's managing direc-

tor said. "We will not pay out if a motorist is over double the

legal maximum. We don't want

"We normally acquire people

"We don't pick up the heavy

policy which costs £175.

Drivers also face a doubling

that nearly a quarter of the men questioned would drive home from a party knowing they were over the alcohol limit. And seven in 10 admit having driven after drinking more than

two pints of beer.

This would be over the limit a driver in this position could for most, but three out of five halfer their driving would not and £12,000 to replace his and £12,000 to replace his believe their driving would not be affected, according to a Gallup poll carried out for the Legal and General insurance

company.
One in five male drivers admitted having driven after drinking at least six pints. Mr Brian Palmer, a Legal and valued members of staff by taking out cover with the St

General director, said the figures told only part of the story. "If this is what people story. "If this is what people willingly own up to, we can only shudder at what the full picture Association, which gives a benefit of £3,000 for a three-star When a jumbo jet crashes

the whole world reads about it.
Each year the number of people killed or injured in drink-driv- drinkers", Mr Martin O'Neill, ing accidents in Britain is equivalent to 77 jumbo jet disasters", Mr Palmer said. One in 10 of all road

accidents involves a drunk to be seen as a drunkards' driver and the Government is charter. spending £860,000 on a Christmas campaign.

PC tells sex

bias inquiry

of warning

A police officer was given a warning that he would "lose

out" if he continued to support

a woman colleague in a sexual discrimination claim against the

in which PC Wendy de Launay

caimd sexual discrimination

regular police patrols with him.

She also alleges that she was

would lose out by supporting

Mr David Ellis, representing

the Metropolitan Police, dis-

puted the allegation but Mr

Attitled said: "It is something I

The tribunal, now in its

second day, has been told that

Miss de Launay and Mr Attfield

were traffic patrol partners at

the Hampton police garage.

They were split up after reports that a relationship had devel-

Miss de Launay, who is 25

claims that as a result she could

not get the practice and instruction she required from a

more senior officer in the

Both Miss de Launay and Mr Attifield deny suggestions that they were emotionally involved

Chief Inspector Brian Cor-

bett, who was in charge at

Hampton garage, said a sergeant told him that Miss de Launay

and Mr Attfield were being seer

together off duty. Rumours

about their relationship were. he said. "affecting morale" at the garage and there was

concern it could have repercussions on Mr Attfield's home

"We are not in the business

of spying on officers in their

private lives". Mr Corbett said.

The hearing continues today.

handling of police patrol cars.

oped between them.

with each other.

have remembered to this day."

Miss de Launay.

in the professions who know Campaigns are ignored by they are at risk if they have one more than 40 per cent of or two drinks. And it's a fallacy drivers, according to the survey. that it is just at this point in the And even where a partner or a year. During the summer is

A pre-Christmas survey of friend has been chosen to drive when people are more relaxed almost 1,000 drivers has shown home from a party, one in and go out for a pint or two". home from a party, one in seven is likely to be near or over

A copy of the Gallup poll, conducted nationally between Deember 7 and 12 among a Drivers also ignore the threat to their finances and their jobs representative sample, almost equally divided between the sexes, of 962 adults, has been sent to Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Transport.

> Women were shown to be slightly more nervous when driving at public house closing times and a little more inclined than men to view the present penalties as not strict enough.

cover from comprehensive to third party, especially if they have offended more than once. No women admitted having driven after drinking six or more pints of beer. But two per cent had, they said, taken between five and five-and-a-half

• In its annual report the London Council on Alcoholism says it had more than 800 calls last year, 40 per cent from problem drinkers themselves. The total figure was 10 per cent up on last year, which had shown a rise of 20 per cent on the year before.

Among referrals the pro-portion of women was higher than that of men, although new clients referred by someone else showed a much higher proportion of men.

The age range is expanding, under 20 and over 60.



Pilgrim's progress: Mgr James Horan, a master of politics. (Photograph: Terry Fincher).

### Knock airport

# A priest's dream or folly

instability where governments were in and out of office at the

speed of a revolving door.

Mgr Horan, whose private

company put up only £1100 for the project has proved himself a master at politics winning a promise from Mr Charles

Haughey, when he was Prime

Minister, to support the plan.

Then with every vote and seat

counting he persuaded success-

The republic's newest airport The view from the 6,000ft runway of Ireland's proposed is destined to remain as no more than an asphalt runway unless the Counacht Regional fourth international airport, perched 650ft above the sea on a boggy plateau, is awe-inspir-Airport Development Company, headed by Mgr James ing. When it is not shrouded in Horan, the astute parish priest mist rising from the surrounding bog there are spectacular views of Croagh Patrick, Ireland's holy mountain on whose 2,510ft summit St of Knock, can persuade private investors to pour money into 2 project that has swallowed £19m of government cash. That looks unlikely as even if it were completed Knock is

Patrick allegedly spent the 40 days of Lent in the year 441. To the south-east is the Marian Shrine at Knock, co thought by Aer Reants, which runs the republic's three other international airports, to be an Mayo, where in 1879 it is uneconomic proposition.

Instead the project, hailed as Mgr Horan's finest achievelaimed there was an apparition of the Virgin Mary.

But the second miracle of ment, will be foreever portrayed as a typical Irish yarn and a reminder of recent political

Knock will need more than divine intervention if it is ever to be completed to help pilgrims on their faithful progress to the shrine. Viewed from Dublin the

airport is "Knock nonsense". Dr Garret FitzGerald's coalition government of Fine Gael and Labour will not spend the further £4m (Irish) needed to provide runway lighting, security, air traffic control, and a terminal bailding for the grandly-titled Connacht Re-gional Airport.

with the project that was being dismissed privately as "sheer lunacy". But with political stability, Dr FitzGerald has decided no

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more money should be spent. However, with another poil the wily priest may still get his money from public funds to complete the airport. As one of the company's directors, Dr Joseph Cunnane

the Archbishop of Tuam, said:
"It could be a big political
embarrassment for Fine Gael as they are the party that stopped this development. This is Fianna Fail territory and Fine Gael has a seat which

Mgr Horan cleverly played the "deprived West" card, and was delighted at all the publicity surrounding the airport because it was attracting more of the faithful to the Marian Shrine. And the singer Christy Moore has immortalized it with the ballad "The Miracle Airport Knock".

However, the Governs decision against the airport meant disappointment for the cieric who had hoped that by 1985 jumbo jets would be 1985 jumbo jets would



landing pilgrims on their way to Knock. He dreamed of a traditional Irish airport with peat fires in the terminal lounges. His plan allowed for only nine full-time staff assisted by part-time workers supplementing their meagre farm incomes.

Instead of tow trucks to pull the aircraft from the aircraft from the aircraft from the aircraft from the aircraft concept of letting farmers use their tractors to do the job and hoped that the spin-off would provide industry for the area and make the airport a tourist attraction in its own rhight because of its beautiful pos-

Politicians in the republic will be relieved that Mgr Horan has no further grandoise ideas which might involve public money. He is now to concentrate on something less costly: preparing his own soul

### Six jailed for huge bullion tax fraud

A former bank robber, Ronald Dark, and Old Harro-vian Spencer Eade, had one thing in common: a taste for wealth. It led them to join a gang of gold swindlers who made a profit of at least £6m made a profit of at least total from a value-added tax fraud.

At the Central Criminal Court yesterday they and four others were jailed and fined. Customs officers believe that

other members of the gang are living abroad "in style". Judge Sutcliffe had post-poned sentencing the group for two weeks so that the Customs and Excise could investigate where the proceeds of the fraud

were.
A substantial amount is now understood to have been traced, although nearly £2m was mysteriously withdrawn from the Credit Suisse bank in Switzerland.

Eade, a former Ministry of Defence information officer and an arms exporter, used his company to import gold ingots from Switzerland, the court was told.

With his legitimate firm,
Scan Defence International, be

could defer paying VAT on the gold for three months. It was that which allowed the swindle to operate.

In three months the group traded in £40m worth of bullion. It was sold to dealers who were charged 15 per cent VAT which was then pocketed by the group

Eade, described as an inteligent

ring leader by Judge Sutcliffe, was jailed for a total of three and a half years and fined £90,000 with nine months to pay. Eade, of Delfryn. Portslade, East Sussex, had denied

Dark, of Preston Road, Wembley, north-west London, who was released from prison in 1979, admitted his part as a "front man" for the group. He was jailed for 12 months and fined £3,000 with six months to pay.

months and nined 13,000 with six months to pay.

Len Berry, aged 47, a company director, of the Houseboat, Taggs Island, Hampton, south-west London, his wife Freda, aged 44; Christopher Michel, aged 43, a public relations consultant, of Greenstead House, Coombe Hill Road, East Grinstead, West Sussex; and Terence Ward, aged 42, a and Terence Ward, aged 42, a salesman, of Crawford Street, central London, had all denied their part in the fraud.

Berry, also described as a ringleader, was jailed for five and a half years and fined £120,000. His wife, who acted as a bookeeper in the fraud, was jailed for two years with one year suspended.

Michel was jailed for four years
and fined £100,000 and Ward was
jailed for 18 months. Criminal bankruptcy orders were made against all defendants except Dark

# Divorced wives of clergy 'ostracized'

Many divorced wives of clergy still feel shabbily treated by the Church of England, in spite of official concern about their plight, according to a report published today.

The report, Divorced Clergy

Metropolitan Police, an indus-Wives - One Year On, has been trial tribunal in London was written by Mr Frank Field, Labour MP for Birkenhead, and Police Constable Trevor Attifield, aged 31, said that he was later transferred from the Mr Neil McIlwraith as a sequel to one published a year ago, Walking by on the Other Side? traffic division at Hampton, west London, to foot patrol in The results of the first report,

which investigated 24 cases. Mr Attfield, who is married and lives in Ashford, Surrey. showed that, with few exceptions, the church's embarrassment over the break-up of was giving evidence at a hearing clerical marriages led to many wives feeling totally rejected by after being banned from making the authorities. Typical of the reactions was one woman who wrote: "It's a much bigger issue than they [the church] will admit. It embarrasses them and victimized and transferred without consultation to another they try to sweep it under the Mr Attield claimed in his

> Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, said that he was concerned about the problem's scale and anxious for church authorities to respond construc-

provide additional data for a working group set up by the House of Bishops. The main point was to discover whether the church's attitude in each diocease reflected the change and the goodwill expressed by senior officials. But, the report says, many

former clergy wives, who believe the church treated them badly in the past, said that there had been no change since the Asked whether any contact

had been made by the church during the past year to inquire about their circumstances, 20 of the 49 wives who agreed to be interviewed said "Yes". Four-

Hope denies

taking fee for

charity golf

Bob Hope, the comedian, has

denied taking fees to appear the

charity golf tournament which

Organizers of the tournamen

who have gone into liquidation had said Mr Hope was paid £88,000 in fees and £53,000 in

expenses for the Bob Hope

Yesterday, however, Mr Hope said in a BBC radio

interview: "I was never paid

any money. The money that I

was paid for, of course, went for the production and the whole

thing. The money is for the production of the show, and the

writers, and the expense - that's

"When you're bringing stars over and taking care of them and their fares, it's a hell of a lot

bears his name.

British Golf Classic.

Less than 1 year Between 1 and 2 years Between 2 and 5 years Over 5 years Uncertain/unclear

teen said that no such an inquiry had ever been made. Indeed, when the church had made contact, it had not always been to inquire about former wives and children. One respon-dent wrote that she had never been asked "except to check-up if I felt my ex-husband was suitable for a new job". Explaining the isolation felt

by many former wives, one wrote: "Since my divorce I have certainly been dropped by the establishment and people with whom one was constantly in contact have never initiated INTACT

The report says that all too many wives reported that unless they went knocking very hard on certain doors, the church was not interested.

The survey also found that A second survey was com- some former wives were un-missioned by Mr Field to aware of the help which church charities like the Corporation of the Sons of Clergy and the Freinds of the Clergy Corporation might be able to offer them. Of 23 divorcees who had been in contact with charities. their request 19 had bad completely or almost completely met

Among the recommendation put forward in the report for easing the plight of former wives is a suggestion-that the Church should consider the setting up of a full-time post with special responsibility for the problem

In addition, the church should lay down central guidelines for help on offer.

Horse stunt fall

removed from

new Bond film

The RSPCA has persuaded

Warner Brothers, the makers of the new James Bond film Never

Sav Never Again, to cut one of

the most dramatic scenes,

showing a horse plunging 40 feet into the sea and hitting the

The RSPCA worked closely

with the Board of British Film

Censors to have the scene cut

Its chief veterinary officer,

Mr David Wilkins, said yester-

day: "I was shocked when I saw

uncut footage of the stunt. The horse was put in a wooden box on top of a scaffolding with a

man and women stunt team. The box was tilted, and all three

"Warner Brothers say it was examined by a vet, who

water on its back.

for British showing.

# £250,000 damages for mother

Manchester

A couple's marriage was ruined after a Mrs Lynn Webb suffered "catastrophic" brain damage during a 10-minute sterilization operation. Mr Colin Webb, aged 35, a civil servant, agonized for 10 months before divorcing the mother of his four sons. Mrs Webb, a former bank clerk, was awarded damages of £250,000 and costs by the High Court in Manchester yesterday.

Mr Webb siad afterwards:

"Although I have divorced her, I have not divorced myself from my responsibilities".

Mr Webb, of Lime Road, Haslingden, Lancashire intends to buy a specially-adapted bungalow near his home where his former wife will live with a full-time nurse to enable her to see more of their children Geoffrey, aged 12, Peter, aged 10, Ben, aged 9 and Anthony.

In making the award, Mr Justice Beldam said that Mrs Webb. now 30, and her husband had been advised that she should be steralized.

should be steralized.

But during the operation in August, 1977, at Fairfield General Hospital, Bury, her heart stopped and she was deprived of oxygen.

The judge said that brain damage was caused by an inexperienced anaethetist's failure to monitor her blood

ure to monitor her blood "He had not, in my jud-gment been adequately told of

the dangers associated with the anaesthetic agent and in par-ticular of the risk of low blood pressure. But he said he believed that Dr Anil Seth, the distinguished member of his profession. Bury Area Health Authority had contested liability.

NCE upon a time, a young girl called Little Red Riding-Hood set off alone through the Great Wood to visit her grandmother.

Being a kindly girl, she took along with her a basket full of good things including a bottle of Croft Particular, a light, crisp sherry that was the old lady's. special favourite.

After walking for some while, she reached her grandmother's cottage in the middle of the wood, and soon sensed that something was wrong.

"Oh, Grandma!", she cried. "What big eyes you have!" "All the better to see you with", replied the Wolf, who wasn't actually looking at Little Red Riding-Hood, but at the bottle of Croft Particular in her basket.

"What a big nose you have!", she cried. "All the better to smell you with", said the Wolf, though he had just poured himself a glass of the Particular, and was at that moment savouring its delicate bouquet.

"And what a big mouth you have!", cried Red Riding-Hood."All the better for drinking with", said the Wolf, taking an appreciative slurp and licking his lips. "Mmm...I do enjoy a glass of good sherry before a meal".



TO BE ENJOYED SLIGHTLY MORE OFTEN.

### diagnosed no physical injury. Protest over driver's 9-month sentence A driver who has twice been

banned for drinking and driv-ing was jailed for nine months yesterday for causing the death of a boy aged 14 by reckless

Gordon Stratton, aged 24, who had been drinking before he knocked down the boy, Timothy Proctor, was fined and banned in 1979 for driving with excess alcohol. He was fined and banned agian last September for a similar offence committed when he was on bail awaiting trial for the charge concerning Timothy Proctor of Brancote Avenue, Mitcham.

After the hearing, at the Central Criminal Court, the boy's father, Mr Bernard Proctor, described the nineand a disgusting insult.

Mr Proctor said he would see his MP and write to the Home Secretary about the case. smacks of cut-price justice because a charge of manslaughter was dropped", he

In court, Sir James Miskin, the Recorder of London, was told that Stratton, raced his car through traffic lights at Mit-cham, south London, as they were changing to red and struck the boy

Mr Brace Houlder, for the prosecution, said that Stratton. pursued by a tanker driver who had seen the incident, drove on at high speed, swerving violent-

throw off the boy.

The boy was hurled from the

car and struck his head on the pavement. A pathologist said that he believed this was the ediate cause of his death, Stratton, of Strawberry ane, Carshalton, Surrey, Lane, Carshanou, pleaded guilty to causing death by reckless driving. Mr Houlder said that the Crown was prepared to accept Stratton's plea of not guilty to man-

Sir James said that he was "satisfied" that Stratton was not over the legal alcohol limit when he hit the boy, but told Stratton: "Drink helped you to drive at a reckless speed.

SHIPBUILDING

The record of the British Shipbuilding yard of Scott Lithgow on keeping to budget and to time was abysmal, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during question time in the Commons.

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, mpendine industrial disaster an human tragedy in the West of Scotland with the possible closure of the Scott Lithgow yard? Would she have negotiations to see whether that contract can be renegotiated. otherwise there will be a tremen-dous disaster for the West of Scotland, and in the light of the money spent on nuclear weapons it would be a drop in the ocean to save

Mrs Thatcher: Competition for both ships and for oil rigs is very great and the only conditions to have employment is by keeping customers. That means building ships and oil rigs to budget and on time and I very much regret the record of that particular yard in that respect is abysmal.

There are two other things in that ard, one is a ship for the MOD and the other is an oil rig and British Shipbuilders will be considering how best to continue to build these in view of the difficulties they face in any negotiations they may be able

Later, Mr Norman Lamont, Minister of State for Industry, said in a statement: In December 1981 Scott Lithgow contracted with Britoil to produce a semi-submersible drilling rig. The contract value was £88.6m and the contractual delivery date was April 1984. Construction began in February

By March 1983, British Shipbuilders had provided for losses of £43.8m on the rig. The then chairman. Sir Robert Atkinson,

On October 31 1983, Britoil were sufficiently concerned about progress on the contract to issue through its agents a notice requiring Scott Lithgow to demonstrate within 30 days that the rig could be completed by February 1985.

Scott Lithgow responded to Britoil by arguing that despite the undoubted delays on the contract hitherto completion would be possible within the terms of the

Research

into exam

results

The Cox and Marks report on

claimed that secondary modern and

grammar schools together had better examination results that comprehesives, was defended by Sir keith Joseph, Secretary of State for

Education and Science, during questioning time in the Commons.

He had been asked by Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) what studies were in hand to examine the relationship between academic

relationship between academic results and the form of organization

Sir Keith Joseph: The department is not currently sponsoring any research studies which are

ment is not currently sponsoring any research studies which are concerned solely with this topic, but is assessing the possibilities for research in this area as a preliminary to considering whether public funds should be committed

Mr Greenway: would be confirm that his statistics are satisfactory

contrary to earlier press reports that recent research into examination results in grammar and secondary modern schools as against comprehensives was valid, that a proper sample was taken and is professionally sound?

ally sound?
Will he in future consider the

National Counicl for Education Standards equally with the National

bodies for grant purposes since both are equally valid research. Would he agree this repudiates research by Labour MPs on educational idealo-

Sir Keith Joseph: It is clear from the letter I published from my statisticians that they never used the

word "flawed" this report was valid and that the difference between

**EDUCATION** 

However, on 19 December a notice of cancellation was served on behalf of Britoil on the basis that Scott Lithgow had not demon-

BS have responded to the cancellation notice by disputing its validity and I understand that they have now instituted kgal proceed. McCarley: Cannot pull plug

ngs. While BS and Britoil are stopped. BS are instructing suppliers to suspend work on contracts relating to the rig. Up to 2,000 of the workforce are involved. in construction of the rig.

The remainder of the workforce –

approximately 2,250 men - are employed on two other contracts. one for BP and one for the Ministry of Defence It is BS's intention that these contracts will continue. Unemployment in this area is already high and a further increase

of the scale implied by the cancellation of this order would be a matter of deep concern to the Government. The Secretary of State for Scotland has this morning met Scottish TUC and told them that he would of course seek to do all he can to alkeviate the very real distress that would be caused in the local community.

tocal community.

However, the offshore industry is highly competitive and customers insist upon contractors – including management and workforce — delivering on quality, price and time. Regrettably Scott Lithgow so far appears to have been unable to satisfy Britoil that it can fulfil its obligations on this contract.

Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry said this was not the time for the Secretary of State for Scotland to be telling the Scottish TUC that he would alleviate the distress caused by the closure.

It is time (he said) for the minister and the Government to call in the parties and insist on a solution. Why has he not done so already? He has known for months that these losses have been building

directly engaged in ancillary work and contracting, so they were talking about a total of something

designated by British Shipbuilders for offshore construction and was building probably the most advanced semi-submersible rig that we had yet marketed, to operate in deep Atlantic waters; a far more sophisticated rig than had so far had to operate even in the deep waters of the North Sea.
It is absurd (he continued) that the future of this yard and of this

l regret that the officials who advised me on this have been

advised me on this have been accused of acting with political motives and that one has been

I am satisfied that the officials

who advised me was utterly objective and understand and

respect Government policy and that it is for local education authorities

to propose change in the organiza-tion of schools. I shall consider all

proposals for research on their

Mr Gles Radice, chief opposition spokesman on education (Durham North, Lab): I thank him for his handsome apology, in responding to my letter to *The Times* of December

3. at the report stage of the Education Support Grant Bill.

But is he aware that the issue still remains whether he is prepared to accept the professional advice of his

department that the Cox and Marks

study seriously underestimated the impact of social and economic

factors on examination results?

Will he reassure the House he intends to live up to the standards of

his high office and his own previous

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standards as a randow of An Sound and refuse to give the backing of public money to Cox and Marks who have broken the cardinal rule of research by fixing the evidence

(Conservative protests) to produce results which confirm their own

particular prejudices?
Sir Keith Joseph: No. I totally

deny the proposition about the attitude of Cox and Marks. The

areas of disagreement is one that

**Procedure for** 

closing schools

unchanged

of State for Education and Science, asked if his department would publish guidelines for use when closure of village schools were proposed, said that Sir Keith



considering the next step in this by one wholly-owned public negotiation, all work on the rig will corporation against another 48 per cent-owned public corporation while the chairman of BS himself

has departed for a three holiday abroad.

own responsibility. He cannot simply sit on his hands while a major new high technology industry in Scotland is allowed to collapse. We will not allow him to. Mr Lamont said the Government had kept in close touch with the

situation in the contract. This was a

situation in the contract. This was a serious matter but it was a commercial dispute between BS and Britoit. Both sides had taken decisions which they judged to be in their best commercial interest.

If the Government were to intervene (he continued) either to use Bestell to withdraw its notice. urge Britoil to withdraw its notice to renegotiate the contract, which they do not wish to do, the of one party or the other would be erely prejudiced and the ground uid be cut from under the feet of both managements. Government intervention would be only counter

productive. (Labour interruptions) The government had to consider not just the yard but the taxpayers who had funded huge losses by Scott Lithgow, almost £44m on this contract. Some £66m out of the losses of £117m that BS announced ast year came from Scott Lithgow. Did Mr Shore suggest that the Government put more money into

Mr Shore asked Mr Lamont if he was saying that this was entirely a commercial matter for the two parties and that either now or at the end of the legal procedure he did not accept that he had a separate role to look after the national interest in so far as it was involved in the future

of this industry?
Mr Lamont replied that of course there was a national interest but this interest was not to nour good money fter bad. (Labour int Taxpayers must be consid BS did not wish to be forced to renegotiate the contract. If this was what Mr Shore suggested, he was saying that the Government should encourage them to take risks, to incur costs they did not wish to undertake. That could damage not only BS finances but other contracts they were working on. Mrs Anna McCurley (Renfrew

and Inverciyde, C): Will the

saw no need to change present

Proposals to close village schools, like proposals for all schools, are decided (he said) on their merits, having regard to all the relevant factors involved.

Mr David Knox (Staffordshir

Moorlands, C): There is deep public

concern about village school closures. Publication of guidelines

on the size of schools, distances

from alternative schools, travel conditions and so on would help to

Mr Dann: We have made this

known from time to time. There

may well be good and special reasons for keeping very small schools open. Where this is so, the minister decides accordingly, where

there are no such reasons it is not

sensible to devote scarce educatinal

resources to keeping excess places in use. This diverts resources from

better use, perhaps in a school in



Millan: Jobs can be saved

of the procedures adopted at Scott Lithgow with a view to salvaging some of the undoubted expertise that exists at this yard? rely the Government cannot pull the plug out of an industry that has served the west of Scotland for

more than 300 years without such a Mr Lamont: This is notice about the they intend to continue work both

It is not the Government who have pulled the plug out of Scott Lithgow. It is the inefficiency, poor performance and massive losses. They have gone on for many years and the men at Scott Lithsow have

and the men at Scott Lithgo been warned about that Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party: He is pushing the laisser faire philosophy of this

could be remotely described as laisser faire to have funded losses of £140 by this yard in addition to giving production subsidies of £17m to Scott Lithgow through the intervention fund.

Mr Bruce Millan (Glasgow, Govan Labl: This contract can be saved. These jobs can be saved. It will be cheaper for the public purse at the end of the day if the contract is renegotiated. If the Government does not intervene in this they will not be forgiven in Scotland Mr Lamont: He says it would be cheaper for the public purse if the contract were renegotiated. I do not

see how he can be so certain as to

what further losses would be incurred if the contract is proceeded lhead, SDP): However much Mr Lamont may talk about commercial consideration and competitiveness consideration and compensiveness, this stand off approach which he has taken today to the death of an industry and two towns is some-thing which would not be allowed to

happen in any competitor industry country in the world Mr Lamont: It will not be the death of an industry. There are other yards which are involved in this industry.

l cannot believe in many countries the government would have gone on funding losses year after year at this Government has done with Scott Lithgow.

jobs, particularly since the qualifi-cation of three months unemployment has been removed by the Security. On his second point, I am aring ways what ways are open to us. Mr Barry Sheerman, an Opposition

than merely signing on the dole. availability of work, the eligibility of benefit and the ability to qualify for the youth training scheme is in a mess that is not understood by DHSS managers and local education authorities. The result is that

while they are waiting for a job are forced not to be able to. Sir Keith Joseph: He limits his remarks to teenagers. There are very few 16-year-olds as a proportion of that vintage on the dole.

The 21-hours rule is an extremely useful option for those who wish to do some part-time study while

Government

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new council

set up a national development council to promote future develop-ments in adult continuing edu-

Mr Peter Brooke, Under Secretary

of State for Education and Science told the Commons that discussion

were taking place with the National lastitute of Adult Continuing Education about the role the institute might play in these

Mr Jack Dormand (Easington, Lab)

In view of the pathetic record of this Government in adult continuing

a development council is a clear

indication they do not have any interest whatever in this.

waiting for employment

### Educational needs of unemployed

Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State, for Education, said during question time that he would shortly be discussing with the Secratary of State for Health and Social Security (Mr Norman Fowler) recommend-dations made in a recent report published by Youth aid about tudents who receive umemploy-

ment benefit. rule in further education colleges and schools and proposed ways improving access to education for the unemployed.

Mr Michael Colvin (Romsey and Waterside, C): The 21-hour pro-vision will be extremely useful for young people coming off the youth training scheme. What is the department doing to persuade those colleges which do not offer 21-hour study to do so? Sir Keith Joseph: I agree that it will be a useful option for those concerned while they are seeking

field): This Christmas, 25 per cent of teenagers are on the dole. Many of them would very much like to pursue course of education rather

many young men and women who would like to pursue education budgets for the present year.

As in the present year and preceding one I have set individual

influence on expenditure decisions.

# Noraid money going to those who pursue violence

Mrs Thatcher coupled a condemnation of financial support for Noraid, the fund-raising organiza-tion for the IRA in the United States, with agreement that most American and Irish people condemned violence as a means of

ing to questions in the Commons asking her to endorse the line taken by Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, about Noraid, and another calling on her to dampen hysteria about frish-American support for violence in Mr Michael Colvin (Romsey and

Waterside, C) said: The tragic death on Saturday of a United States citizen and the injuring of others might bring home that money given to Noraid does not go to help

condemn, as strongly as the President the money going to Noraid. It is given to those who reject democracy and pursue the ends of violence, death and destruction of innocent people. It is

American citizen and the injury of

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition: Endorsing the views of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland given on American television vesterday, the House will want to commend the helpful and forthright response of Dr Garret Fitzgerald and the positive state-ments by the American Ambassador

What consideration has been increasing formal joint efforts between governments to block off the flow of munitions and money to terrorists, wherever such Mrs Thatcher: I am grateful to Mr Kinnock. Dr Fitzgerald was sym-

pathetic and sent a very sympathetic nessage. I was able to congratulate im on the tremendous efforts in Mr Tides. That resulted in the death of two of their security guards.

Cooperation is close between the Governments of the United King-dom and the Republic in trying to block off munitions, or, if they get over, in trying to find them.

The destruction and damage caused in the Republic by the activities of the IRA is very damaging indeed to the Republic. We therefore both cooperate in

the American Ambassador said when he came to see me last Child sex

case judge

criticized

by MPs

Legislation is to be introduced to

allow the Court of Appeal to consider sentences alleged to be no lenient, not with a view to changing those sentences, but so that there

might be a guide on future sentences. Mrs Thatcher, the Prime

Minister, said when questioned in the Commons about the case in

which a man was sentenced to two hycars' imprisonment on Monday for

an offence against a seven-year-old

Mrs Thatcher said that she could

not emphasize too strongly the seriousness with which the Govern.

ment regarded all sexual offences against children.

The matter was raised by Mrs."
Edwina Currie (South Derbyshire; a:
C) who asked: Will Mrs Thatcher!'
study the remarks of Judge Brian;
Gibbens in the High Court on r
Friday and westerday in which

Friday and yesterday in which he expressed sympathy with a man who had unlawful intercourse with a seven-year-old girl and described if

Will she agree with me, as the bu

for a transcript, so that he may first ....

find the facts, which I believe is the

Mr Peter Lilley (St Albans, Cr. As.

490 people were convicted last year of sexual assaults on children, there

is growing public concern at the leniency of sentences on such

limits on sentencing laid down, the law allows for very severe sentences.

The precise sentences are a matter for the judge, but the Government

intends to introduce legislation to

submit sentences which are alleged

to be too lenient to the Court of

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PM's QUESTIONS

Mr John Hame (Foyle, SDLP): Will the Prime Minister dampen the hysteria in this country about Irish-American support for violence in Northen Ireland? The vast majority of Irish-Americans - and there are 44 million of them - do not suppor violence, and that opposition is forcibly, strongly and constructively expressed by their leaders like Speaker O'Neill Senator Kennedy

Mrs Thatcher: The overwhelming majority of the American people and the Irish and those in prominent positions condemn violence as a means of pursuing

Violence is a negation of democracy. We pursue democracy.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Housing and Building Control Bill, remaining

Lords (11): Coal Industry Bill, Repatriation of Prisoners Bill, and Animal Health and Welfare Bill,

# Tough targets set for some Welsh councils: low rate rises forecast

**WALES** 

Expenditure targets set for Welsh local authorities for 1984-85 are tough for some but reasonable for all, Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, said in a statement to the Commons on the rate support grant for the forth-coming financial year. Every authority, he said, had a cash increase in its current expenditure.

Mr Edwards said: I have today announced to the Welsh Consulta-tive Council on Local Government Finance the details of the 1984-85 rate support grant settlement.

The main features of the 1984-85 settlement confirm the intentions I announced in November. They must be seen in the context of the Government's continuing commitment of secure reductions in public expenditure. The total of relevant expenditure provision accepted for pants is £1,440m. This comprises and £187m for non-current items. and £187m for non-current items. Aggregate exchequer grant will be £996m, consisting of £138.8m for specific grants, £31m for transport supplementary grant, £1.9m for national parks supplementary grant and £824.3m for the rate support grants. Domestic tate relief is unchanged at 18½p in the pound which costs £25.3m, leaving £799m for distribution as block grants.

for distribution as block grant. The settlement is a fair one. Current expenditure provision, after allowing for the 1½ per cent reduction in authorities national insurance surcharge from next April and the way in which housing benefit administration costs are nov counted for rate support grant purposes, is £57m or 4.8 per cent more than the provision underlying the 1983-84 settlement.

£996m is £21m or 2.2 per cent more than the aggregate exchequer grant provision in the main rate support vear Even more important for rating purposes it is £36m or 3.8 per cent higher than the amount authorities have included in their

authority expenditure targets. Experience has shown that these are helpful to authorities in providing a degree of certainty of grant entitlement for spending at target and clearly exert a significant

In the light of the views expressed by the two Welsh local authority associations I have retained the same method for determining next year's expenditure targets as that used in the current year. This enables me to withhold grant in an equitable way by ensuring that the

authority is directly related to its own overspending and not to the expenditure decisions of other

target gives a cash increase in its current expenditure: the minimum increase is 1½ per cent and the maximum 6 per cent, after making allowance for the reduction in the national insurance surcharge next rear and a modest amount of budget

The grant withholding penalty for spending in excess of targets has been strengthened. As in the present year the amount of grant withheld for excess expenditure up to 1 per cent above target is 40 per cent of that excess but above that level the rate of holdback increases progressvely with a maximum rate of 90 per cent for authorities spending 5 per cent or more above target: this compares with a maximum rate of



dictatorship

year of 75 per cet at 6 per cent spending above target. arrangements already spending at or below target will be exempted from both grant holdback and close-coding. Similarly the limitation of grant holdback for low rateable resource authorities set in the present year will be retained for Block grant will be distributed in

accordance with the grant related expenditure formulae agreed by the velsh local authority associations. I have decided to retain the existing block grant mechanisms which grant before holdback and the same safety net for limiting grant losses associated with changes in GRE - a maximum 4p loss at the county level and ip loss at the district level. There is a continuing need for restraint in local government

inose remarks were a disgrace?

Mrs Thatcher: I have great a sympathy with Mrs Curic. The ac Government regards with very great seriousness indeed all sexual diffences against children. I cannot membasize that too strongly.

The Lord Chancellor has called a sexual control of the control of been made on this front but there is still some way to go. Since 1978/79 Local Government current expenditure in Walcs has risen by about per cent more than the increase i as for the economy as a whol We must reverse this trend.

reversed. I appreciate of course that authorities have difficult choices of priority to make but that applies in including my own programmes.

What happens to rates next year will of course depend on the Here I will simply make two points. Authorities can on average increase their net revenue expenditure next year by nearly 4 per cent and still spend in line with targets. And if authorities spend at this level and apply only half of the balances they have applied in the present year, rate increases would average only I per cent. Indeed rates could fail if authorities applied balances to the

same extent as in the current year. There figures are a very far cry-from some of those which have been bandled about; for example the average rate increase of 17 per cent reported in the press. I regard this figure as wildly exaggerated and simply do not believe it.

HOUSE OF LORDS Mr Barry Jones, chief Opposition spokesman on Wales (Alyn and Deeside). It is a flagrant act of injustice to impose even more impossible targets and tougher penalties on authorities who cannot cut priority services and have genuinely tried to restrain expenditure. How can we ever again see local elections as having real

meaning?
The cumulative effect of the

This is a black day for local government in Wales. This state-ment and the new Bill indicate that the Government are advancing towards a form of bureaucratic dictatorship forcing councils to be services. Increasingly there is a flavour of colonial government flavour of colonial government about the Secretary of State which is not appreciated in Wales.

Mr Edwards: His predecessor made exactly the same forecast of double figure rate increases, but rate increases in Wales have averaged less than I per cent. His exaggerated claims this year will prove equally

Exactly the same things were said last year, and 32 out of 45 authorities achieved the targets that i had set without any penalty.

I am confident that Weish local

The £1 coin was now being called "a . .! maggie" because it was hard, bad arrough edges, and pretended to be a for the Oppostion, said at question time in the House of Lords when peers urged the Government not to withdraw the £1 note from

Lord Glenarthur, Under Secretary :: Security, who replied told him: I !! was not aware of that I could tell.

Lord Wallace something on the 1. 1 ame lines about the 50p piece his party was in power.

The minister said it was the Government's intention to withdue course once the public had had time to become accustomed to the from the way the £1 note deteriorated now that less frequent

When Lord Molson (C) asked if :; the Government had considered substituting a plastic note for the paper one, Lord Glenarthar replied that the Isle of Man had recently introduced a plastic £1 note. Evaluation by the Bank of England suggested plastic notes were not a suitable alternative to paper notes. They were not as secure from a They were not as secure from forgery and for that reason the Government did not propose to go ahead with anything on those lines. Lady Birk, for the Opposition, said the weight of the coins was such that she had already gone through one purse and the coins had fallen through her husband's pocket.

In view of inflation (she added) it in s expensive to replace the trousers  $\approx$ 

Lord Glenarthur: I do not have as-Birk has. I suggest she invites her

He said that no announcement

# Abuses by professional fund raisers

munity to be besmirched by the activities of a few reckless of dishonest people, Mr David Mellor. Under-Secretary of State for Home Affairs, said in replying to a Commons debate on charities early this (Tuesday) morning. The Government would keep a close eye on this situation as it developed. He said there was room

exercise on the part of certian individuals or companies for which the benefiting society seemed to be only a front. This was not acceptable to the Government. It remained to be demonstrated that the present law was inadequate to deal with these abuses, but there was no doubt that the question of abuse was much more on the lip of

enhanced their importance. At the same time the activities of rogue Action was needed not just to

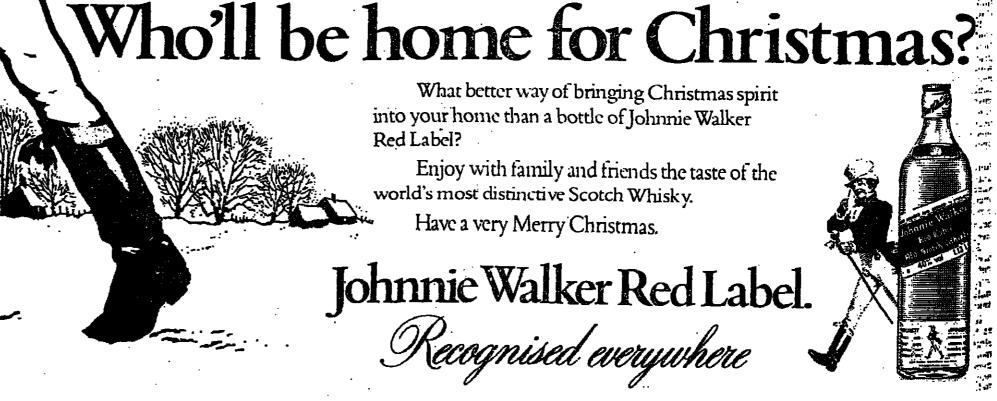
eradicate malpractices but to ensure that the responsible organizations duntary action, but it needed



### had been made about the point at which the £1 would be withdrawn from circulation. The £1 note lasted professionals - people doing the job for money - in this scheme just as in time in the past. Mr Timethy Yee (South Suffolk, C), stimulus to get it going. The Consolidated Fund passed through all its stages. who opened the debate, said charities played a major role in the any other. But there came a point where professional fund-raining only 11 months and the coin 40,

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Geoffrey Smith

Why has the Conservative lead in the opinion polls narrowed so sharply? Perhaps, after the Government's series of misfortunes in the past six months, we should be asking. Why are the Conservatives still ahead at all?

There is always likely to be an early public reaction against a party that wins a massive victory. No government would find it easy to live up to that kind of majority that Mrs Thatcher won in June Only miracles would do, and Mrs. Thatcher has been distinctly short of miracles in her second

Perhaps the very size of the majority has bred complacency on the front bench and restlessness on the backbench-es. Perhaps Mr Francis Pym's dire prohecy is aiready being borne out. Perhaps; but while I am sure that Mr Pym was right that very large majorities are not conducive to good govern-ment, I am doubtful if it has. much to do with the Government's present discontents.

A large majority was not the cause of Mr Parkinson's trubles. It was no more than marginally relevant to the mishandling of the capital punishment debate or the muddle over MPs' pay. It had absolutiey nothing to do with Grenada. The banana skins were not wheeled along by surplus Conservative MPs. That they arrived so closely together was largely bad luck.

If the Government's difficulties could be attributed solely to the banana skins, it would not need to worry too much. It could reasonably hope that its luck would turn in good time. But there has also been a much more damaging impression that the Government has in general lost its way, that having won a majority it has mislaid its

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No minister can comma calidence if they give the impression of not knowing quite what it is they are trying to do. Is this still a radical, reforming administration? Or has it become a government consoli-

There are two tests to apply in attempting to discover any government's intentions: the test of planning and the test of rhetoric. Early this year it became fashionable to say that Mrs Thatcher needed a new mandate before embarking on her more radical plans for transforming the British economy and society. Then, when the mandate was obtained, it became clear that, while her inclinations were radical, her plans were limited.

Government equipped to push ahead with the privatization of industry and further union reform. There were also the proposals for abolishing the metropolitan councils and restricting rate rises, but those could hardly be regarded as central to the Thatcherite strategy. Beyond those areas the Government was in no position to be radical because it had neither prepared, nor prepared the country

for, its plans. This need not have given an impression of drift if Conservative rhetoric had indicated that the second Thatcher Administration would concentrate on efficient management with some measured change. But the rbetoric was confusing. Mrs. Thatcher's style remained radical, but the substance of her campaign was cautious.

Increase in income

The signals have remained uncertain. During the election there was no indication that public expenditure would have to be reduced. Then Mr Lawson took his first opportunity as the new Chancellor to

conference he was proclaiming that tax cuts were to be a high priority, and that high growth which would be necessary for non-inflationary tax cuts could be achieved only by lower government spending. At the same time Mr Biffan was declaring that there was not much scope for reducing public spending overall.

### Genetic engineering: 3

# Super mice lead the field

genetic engineering to transform mammals, including humans.

Genetic manipulation of higher amimals and plants is perhaps seven of eight years behind the research on simple simle single-cell bacteria, de-scribed in the first article of this series. The complex arrangement of the material (DNA) in animal and plant chromosomes is not understood well enough for scientists to splice in a particular gene and make it work in the correct tissues at the

fertilized mouse eggs which were then implanted in foster mother mice.

Some of the resulting baby mice grew to twice normal size, stimulated by high levels of the hormone and, most signifi-cantly, they passed the genes on to their own offspring. The original line of double-sized mice, carrying eight rat hormone genes, is now in its fourth generation, and the laboratory has recently produced a similarly sized strain with human growth hormone genes.

Direct micro-injection of DNA is a hit-or-miss method of tories have had less success. From a technical point of crops

Outsize mice scampering Genetic engineering will soon transform agriculture by around a veterinary research laboratory in the United States final part of his series, CLIVE COOKSON looks at are the most striking demon-stration so far of the potential of stration so far of the potential of concludes with the emotive issue of human genetic

> be performed on human eggs, but they would be morally unacceptable, given all the uncertainties. The potential for transforming farm amimals is immense, however, and breeders of pigs, sheep, cattle and poultry are rushing to exploit genetic engineering. The first results are likely within two or three years.

Although the most important right time.

Although the most important such traits in domestic animals, such traits in domestic animals, such ment, a collaborative effort by as fertility, are affected by a Dr Richard Palmiter, of the large number of unknown University of Washington in Seattle, and Dr Ralph Brinster, of the University of Pennsylvania, shows what can be complex process of growth. The acheved with our present overall effect of such a simple imperfect understanding. Dr transformation remains to be Brinster injected many copies of a rat growth hormone gene produced by Dr Palmiter into fertilized many and the second cause breeding or health prob-Where particular proteins are

important for an agricultural product, such as casein in milk and keratin in wool, improvement through genetic engineering should not be difficult.
There is also scope for inserting individual genes which confer resistance to certain animal diseases or which change the reproductive system (for instance a twinning gene is known in sheep).

But plants contribute more than animals to world food supplies, and an even bigger agricultural research effort is transforming mammalian eggs; devoted to their genetic manufewer than half of Dr Brinster's mice successfully incorporated manuers have passed several the genes, and other labora- milestones on the road to an arable paradise of nutritious growing faster that

view, similar experiments could today's, whatever the weather, without added pesticides or

 A bacterial gene for resistance to an antibiotic worked in petunia cells, the first success with foreign DNA in plant cells. Tobacco plantlets produced a bean protein, the first genetic transformation of whole plants.

 Tobacco was given a hybrid gene that not only conferred antibiotic resistance but also was switched on by light and off by darkness, a key step towards regulating the function of genetically engineered plants.

Progress has been most rapid in broad-leaved plants, such as tobacco and petunia, for two important reasons. First, scientists have found a natural carrier, called the Ti plasmid, which readily inserts foreign DNA into their cells. Second. the regeneration of a whole plant from a single cell is possible for certain broadleaved species.

Unfortunately, neither technique is yet applicable to staple crops such as rice, wheat and However, plant scientists such as Dr John Ingle, who

heads the Agricultural Research Council's genetic engineering programme, report rapid progress. Genetic manipulation of any plant will soon be possible.

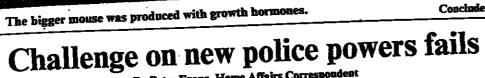
The most glamorous ambition of plant engineering is to make all crops take their own nitrogen from the air, as clover and beans already do, with the help of bacteria living in their roots. One of the greatest constraints on world food production would disappear if farmers no longer had to spend millions on nitrogen fertilizers.

The 17 genes involved in

bacterial nitrogen fixation are all known. The main problem in transferring them to plants is that the chemical process works only when oxygen is excluded. The bacteria can keep out oxygen but it may be extremely difficult to achieve similar conditions within wheat cells. However, Dr Ingle says: "I do not think this is as far-fetched as one might think". Even less far-fetched

genetic engineering of humans, the most exciting and emotive of all applications. Many researchers expect serious clinical trials to begin within five to ten years, treating inherited diseases by correcting a faulty gene or inserting a good new Many people react strongly

against the idea of tampering with the genetic make-up of humanity as it has evolved. "phenotypic" therapy with the aim of curing a disease by changing the genes in, for example, blood cells, for the lifetime of an individual.



By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

task or tracing terrorists and Opposition attempts to proapprehending them. vide more safeguards against The clause dealt only with controversial police powers of serious arresiable offences. search and seizure in the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill

were defeated yesterday. The powers were relevant to police action against terrorism, Mr Eldon Griffiths, Conservative MP for Bury St Edmunds, said during the Bill's committee

stage in the Commons. Acting on information, the police might wish to enter a "safe house", he said. Terrorists might not have left behind pistols and explosives but

Mr Griffiths said that in themselves they might not be fundamental to trial but they would be fundamental to the

Whitehouse

wins extremist

libel damages

Mrs Mary Whitehouse president of the National Viewers

and Listeners' Association, won

in The Observer in August.

The passage was nothing short of a charge that Mrs

Whitehouse was dangerous to

freedom and tolerance, was the

Mrs Whitehouse found the

The criticism came in an

extract of a biography of the

BBC's former Director General

Sir Hugh Greene, by Dr Michael Tracey, which was

The newspaper had not

sought to suggest there was any truth in the passage, and accepted that its publication

was a serious error, Mr Smyth.

being reviewed.

etters and bills relating to cars or parking tickets might be

that evidence being sought by the police was of direct substan-tial value in building up the tial case, not indidental to the trial, Mr Alf Dubs, Labour MP for

Battersea, said. Police asking for a warrant should have to state how the able to see that the police were evidence in question could help not launching a fishing ex-

with the inquiry.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State at the Home Office, ment agreed that where confisaid the hurdles to be jumped in dential material was involved obtaining a warrant were the hearing for the granting of a His worry was that if the law judicial level. But where it was

was tightened still further, the not, magistrates should be power in the Bill could not be empowered to issue the waroperated at all.

Mr Stuart Bell, Labour MP for Middlesbrough, added there was a danger that a serious extension of police powers The Opposition sought would be rubber-stamped if changes to the Bill to make sure entry and search of premises magistrate.

The Opposition felt that power to grant a search warrant should be held by a circuit judge who would have experience and independence of mind and be pedition.

Mr Hurd said the Governsearch warrant should be at



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Arctic freeze brings chaos to Mid West

New York (AP) - America's heartland yesterday suffered its fourth consecutive day of record-breaking cold which has left at least 22 people dead. A frigid wind from the Arctic left cars immobilized, pipes burst and schools

With temperatures well below freezing across the northern third if the country, the National Weather Service predicted that scattered snow would bring additional disruption from the Rocky Mountains to the Great

The Platte River froze in Nebraska and ice floes backed up for five miles. Ice burst water mains as far south as Fort Worth, Texas. A bus driver in Seattle collapsed and died while trying to free his bus from the snow by throwing sand under it. Minor traffic accidents were too numerous to count. Many roads were impassable around Buffalo, New York, which had

3ft off snow over the weekend. Williston, North Dakota, was the coldest place, with 40°C until a

reading came in from Saint Cloud,

Minnesota, of -41°C. Then Harrison, Wisconsin, reported -44°C.

The Arctic air mass is expected to drift slowly east during the next few days, giving some relief to the Midewst but bringing freezing weather to the East, according to Mr Harry Gordon, a meteorologist at the National Severe Storms Forecast centre in Kansas City, Missouri.

The 22 deaths included traffic casualties on slippery roads in Idaho, Missouri and Utah, carbon monoxide poisonings in Oklahoma and exposure

By-elections in northern India

### Japan's poll gloom turns to relief

From Richard Hanson

Japan's ruling Liberal Demo-cratic Party yesterday began putting itself back together after tumbling dangerously near to disaster in Sunday's general election. Investors appeared reassured

that the party would continue its rule, unbroken since 1955. The popular Mikkei Dow indicator of stock market performance leapt 143.76 points to a new record high of 9,627.98 after dropping sharply when the party's majority seemed in doubt on Monday morning. The yen also gained against the dollar - up 1.3 to 235.05.

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the

Prime Minister, was officially able to add eight successful conservative independent can-Few, however, could object to didates to the party roster, thus the country who revers the country who revers the country thin simple regaining 2 majority, with 258 seats in the 511-member Lower House, which is expected to convene to elect the Prime Minister early next week. The party won only 250 seats, an unexpected set-back which had briefly knocked the wind out of the equity and

exchange markets a day earlier. But Mr Nakasone faces a tough few days. Yesterday, he called a Cabinet meeting in which he reportedly said he was sorry for the result. Three ministers - defence, transport and education - were defeated on Sunday.

The so-called mainstream factions, which elected Mr Nakasone last year, continue to support him. This includes the largest, whose leader, former Prime Minister Mr Kakuei Tanaka, was largely responsible for calling the election. Parliamentary turmoil emerged after Mr Tanaka was convicted of bribery on October 12 in the Lockeed scandal.

The party's handling of Postconviction anti-Tanaka moves by the opposition proved a serious liability, although Mr Tanaka was reelected by a Force men. The remains of 13 landslide in his rural home were never recovered. district of Niigata.

# Testing time for Mrs Gandhi From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, and her Congress (I) Party have set must be held before the end of Stiton groups - the United

Congress (I) Party have set themselves a big test for this Friday. They have arranged a series of by-elections to the Lower House of Parliament, the Lok Sabwa, and to legislative

assemblies in five states.

The five states are all in the north of India, and the test is plainly intended to assess the ruling party's strength in the so-called Hindi belt of the Ganges plains. This is where the main strength of Mrs Gandhi's Congress Party has lain, and here she must win convincingly in any general election is she is to hold on to power securely.

The by-elections will tell her whether her standing has been affected by the recent scandal over adulteration of imported cooking oil with beef dripping. ho revere the cow as a sacred animal, now find they have committed the unpardonable sin of ingesting beef fat - albeit unwittingly - as a result, they feel, of government laxiety in granting import lecences.

The by-elections will also tell the party leaders whether they still have the support of the minorities, since there is a good deal of Muslim voting strength in the constituencies picked for the contests.

If Congress can win and win well, the plenary party congress that meets in Calcutta on December 27 will turn into an

next year: the most likely times are in the relatively mild Janata party, and the National

Shekhar Singh, for example, who was recently made Chief Minister of Bihar in place of the discredited Dr Jaganath Mishra, has to win election to the state has a windle of the control of so in Banka, a seat which he had either won or been runners-

Mrs Gandbi: Assessing Congress strength.

This rather obscure and scruffy town has become the political capital of the state overnight. State ministers are all there, campaigning busily, and showing themselves - at last - to be in touch with their

people. Friday's voting will also be the first big test of the new

months of March or November.

The by-elections are also a testing time for some political heavyweights. Mr Chandra Shekhar Singh, for example, who was recently made Chief

assembly and has chosen to do refused, saying that its parties up in every constituency where elections are being held.

This has inevitably meant a splintering of the opposition effort, and Congress may gain

thereby. The general secretary of the BJP, however, thinks that the triangular voting actually benefits the oppositions. "No A decisive victory for the opposition parties will no doubt

p the two alluinces over an carly slump in their morale: a bad defeat may galvanize them into closer relations. The voting will also help to adjudicate the differing claims of electoral strengh, among the factions.

At stake are three Lok Sabha scats - in Uttar Pradesh. Bihar and Haryana - and 11 assembly seats in those three, plus West Bengal and Rajasthan. Vacant seats in the south have been ignored for the exercise, even though there are 13 Lok Sabha seats and 19 assembly scats vacant throughout the country.

# Americans search for their dead in Laos

For the first time since the communists won the war in 1975, American troops today are making an on-the-ground search for missing US servicemen in Indo-China. They are investigating a jungle site near Pakse, in southern Laos where an American transport aircraft was shot down by anti-aircraft fire 11 years ago, killing 16 Air Communist authorities have

gesture by Laos, which said that Americans. it had changed is policy for humanitarian reasons could future relations influence Washington and hetween

communist Indo-China. An official American spokesman in Bangkok said that his Government was encouraged by The Americans had been recognition of Vietnam. the attitude of the Laotians

never before permitted the trying unsuccessfully for years Americans to search for 2,500 to enter Laos and Vietnam to men still unaccounted for. The seek the remains of missing

> The question of the missing Americans has been a serious impediment to the normalization of relations between the US and Vietnam, and, therefore, US officials regard this new concession as a breakthrough which could lead to American



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tax foreshadowed ring the alarm bells.

By the time of the party

> sort of person who would have been at home in Nazi Germany or Communist Russia, and was A month later Mr Lawson a sign of an unattractive degree of filthy madness as exemplified by the National Front." Mr himself, when producing his autumn statement, fore-shadowed not a cut but an increase in income tax. A Smyth said. number of his colleagues do not charges and others in equally emotive and irrational language seem to believe that that will be as "wholly inexcusable."

Perhaps he was simply seeking to ensure that any tax cut would take the country by surprise, but he will do this only by giving the impression of taking himself by surprise.

It is this kind of uncertainty as to where the Government's strategy is taking it that is more unsetting than any number of banana skins. Luck may change. Confusion needs to be corrected.

### Lloyds liable on 'Curse of King Tut' accident

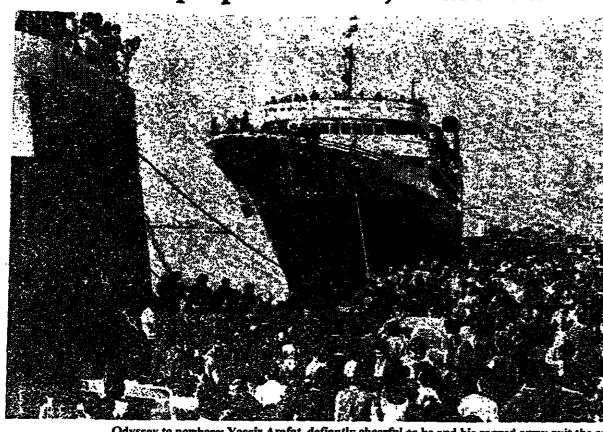
A High Court judge stepped into a legal dispute yesterday over who pays for the curse of King Tutankhamun, HTV Ltd, "substantial" libel damages and costs in the High Court yesterday for allegations that she was a dangerous extremist.

Her counsel, Mr John Smyth which made the £1,500,000 film The Curse of King Tut's Tomb is claiming damages of more than £245,000 from QC: told Mr Justice Kilner insurers after a freak accident Brown that there was an intemperate attack" published during filming in Luxor, Egypt,

in December, 1979. Ian McShane, the actor, broke his leg on the set and filming was halted while a replacement was found for the reptacement was tound for the role of the archeologist Howard Carter. But Lloyds Underwriters claimed that their entertainment risk policy did not cover the incident and

refused to pay. Mr Justice Neill described how a vintage model A Ford which the actor was driving for a scene in the film went out of control and over the dege of a alatean.

The judge rejected the plea by the insurers that because of the condition of the brakes on the car the company had not done everything practicable to avoid or diminish loss or damage to the property. He found that the insurers were liable under the policy. But the question of damages is to be latter bearing.





# Arafat sails away with mythical victory

ears from the air pressur and

loosed off a missile across the

heads of the thousands around

him. Only afterwards, when we smelt his breath, did we realise

that he had been drinking.

Three Israeli jets circled tantalizingly overhead but Mr Arafat's warriors threw hand-

grenades into the habour for

amusement, the undersea ex-

plosions banging like a ham-mer against the hulls of the

ships that were rescuing them.

else would the local Lebanese

Sunni militiamen, unshaved, bandanas round their heads,

newly acquired PLO guns in

opposite the ships and sneered

So it had come to this. Why

They were the same victory the same bursts of faces. We had seen them all before and they were again yesterday in another expensive production of the same old epic. After humiliating defeat, Mr Yassir Arafat turns disgrace into mythical victory, persuading his 4,000 men that they are on their way to Palestine and sailing off into the sunset on a dreamboat appropriately named Odysseus. They left behind them, as before, another Lebanese city that they had helped to destroy.

They took everything with them, their Mercedes limousines, their broken lorries, torn blankets, old tyres and rubbish tins, like children unwilling to part with old toys lest they left anything for the Syrians and the Palestinians who had

betrayed them. It was both hand in the victory salute, nathetic and demeaning, an image of a homeless people in retreat and a leader with nowhere to lead them. The Lebanese policeman on the quayside put it rather succintly. Finito" was what he said.

become almost as familiar as the story of Palestine which always seems to involve people arriving from exile or going into exile on boats. One noticed how old they had become, Arafat's loyal 4,000, how some them walked the dockside with the aid of sticks, not because they had been wounded but because they had been lighting far too long, and how some of the younger men quickly forgot the

There was a youth on the quayside who raised his left

worthless and now we are free to do what we want," one of them said, for Tripoli's agony is far from ended. balanced an anti-tank rocket lanncher on his shoulder, opened his mouth to protect his

> Why else, too, would one find Ian Davison, a 26 year-old South Shields carpenter, standing in a kuffish headdress with a Kalashnikov rifle in his arms, waiting to be taken to the ship after only five weeks fighting for Mr Arafat. He was not looking forward to Christmas in Yemen and hoped the PLO would let him have his passport

> But there were other images yesterday. There were the young men tired from combat, embracing wives but still unable to stop looking back-wards to the mountains above Badawi, where they lost their

last battle. There were the postagestamp UN flags on the masts of the evacuation ships which the PLO men preferred not to look at. There was a girl, a very pretty girl with dark hair, who stood at one end of the quay dressed in a black suit and scarf and who just watched silently and unmoving for an

And there at the finale, as always, was Mr Arafat, travelling to the Odysseus in a Range Rover so thick with bodyguards that you could not see hem through the glass. Just once on the stern we glimpsed him. kissing a young man on boh cheeks, grinning and giving a double-handed victory sign before his bodyguards ordered him from the sight of potential assassins who might just have been among the hundreds of cheering Palestinians below.

# Bethlehem attacks feared

Less than a week before the ebrations in Israeli-occupied Bethlehem, the new campaign of grenade attacks against religious targets in and around Jerusalem was intensified yesterday. Two booby-trap devices exploded, injuring two people, one seriously.

As in eight similar attacks against non-Jewish targets earli-cr this month, the Israeli Armyissue grenades used were assumed to have been planted by new extreme right-wing Jewish terrorist group.

The blasts were claimed in a call to the Israeli Army radio by Terror Against Terror, the which also claimed responsibility for the previous attacks, including four close to

Mount Zion. The wave of explosions has increased fears about security in Bethlehem, which has long been regarded as a prestige target for both Jewish and Arab terrorists. It is understood that especially tight security precautions will be in operation on December 24 had been on his way to call the

to last the EEC throughout next

year. This follows the adoption

yesterday of the 1984 budget by

Mr Piet Dankert, President of

the Parliament, despite a last-

minute plea by member-states.
The £15.500m budget is clearly not going to meet all the Community's obligations in

1984. And no matter what steps

the Commission takes it is

likely that some bills will have to remain upaid after Septemb-

of Ministers' request to think again, Mr Dankert has served

determined to stake its claim to

a larger shre in community

decision-making. With direct election coming in June, it could hardly do less.

In turning down the Council

badly injured the muezzin, who

### Iraqi leader given Reagan message

Baghdad (Reuter) - Mr Donald Rumsfeld, the US Middle East envoy left Baghdad yesterday after delivering a written message from President Reagan to President Saddam Hussein, the official Iraqi news agency said. Some observers said that this might signal of diplomatic relations between the two countries, severed by Iraq during the 1967 Arab-

Israeli war. Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, left the United Arab Emirates for Britain yesterday at the end of a nine-nation Middle East

the publicity from an attack
which would be ensured worldwhich would be ensured worldattack took place at the Greek

budget - can be released is for there to be rapid agreement on

The alternative would be for

either the Council or Britain to

adopted a budget which is

Mr Dankert made it quite clear yesterday that he utterly

rejects the Council suggestion

that it was illegal to transfer the

British rebate money to a category which could be frozen.

The frozen rebate, however,

is nothing but an irritating side

issue to the Commission, which

now has to find extra money somewhere if it is to manage the 1984 budget.

Community reforms.

legally suspect.

cheese-paring exercise in an Britain's frozen £457m rebate - attempt to find enough money which is included in the 1984

The first of yesterday's blasts Orthodox monastery in Bethatraditional Christmas Eve cel- occurred before dawn near a ny. a hillside village where mosque on the outskirts and tradition has it that Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead: A nun going to tend two goals was wounded in the foot when a grenade fitted with a hair-trigger.

device exploded. Israeli police believe that the attacks - which were designed to kill - are being carried out by a small group with Israeli Army training. Their campaign is thought to have been mounted in revenge for the Jerusalem bus bomb planted by the Palestine claimed six lives so far.
The incidents have caused-

consternation in both Christian House armed services investiand Muslim religious circles gations, sub-committee, attri-where the lack of security for buted part of the blame for the religious institutions is openly disaster to the administration. acknowledged. They coincide it complained that the Marines with a drive among some had been hampered in several Jewish extremists against the ways by "political-diplomatic" alleged missionary activities of considerations and said that

group which claimed responsi- it for him. bility is TNT, a similar name to that used by a Jewish terrorist the report is that the investi-organization active some 10 gators are highly sceptical of the

# Military errors blamed for Marines massacre

From Christopher Thomas Washington

accused the entire US military chain of command in Beirut of "very serious errors in jud-gment" that led to the death of 241 American Marines in a bomb attack on October 23, The report was highly critical

General Paul Kelly, the Marine Porps commandant, was accused of providing testimony that was "inacurate, erromeous and misleading" when he Liberation Organization earlier appeared before the House this month, an attack that has armed services committee in in a review of safety measures. early November.

The report, produced by the Christian groups in Israel and President Reagan should the occupied territories. President Reagan should reexamine the Marine mission The Hebrew acronym of the in Lebanon or have congress do

> The implicit message behind role of American Marines in

A congressional report has Beirut. Shortly before the massacre, congress authorized the President to keep troops there for another 18 months. However, vigorous attempts are likely to be made to reverse the decision

An official pentagon investi-gation into the disaster is due to be published soon. The explosion, which happened when a lorry laden with bombs was rammed through the Marine defences and up to the headquarters building, has redsulted

bomb ... rolled through a concertina wire fence that was primarily a personnel barrier. It went between guard posts where the guards had their guns unloaded ... it went through a gate that was generally left open...iron pipes in front of the building were not large enough to stop the vehicle...".

It called to account "the higher policy-making authority that adopted and continued a policy that placed military units in a deployment where protec-tion was inevitably inad-

Zimbabwe recently co-sponsored a U.N. resolution criticiz-ing the "armed intervention" by cil in September on a U.S. the Soviet Union for shooting down a South Korean airliner.

The officials blamed the aid cuts on congress, saying it approved less than the Ad-ministration had requested. Congress had also earmarked more than originally expected Uganda, babwe.

### Washington | African 14 scold West for neglect

Pretoria-Maputo

deal may leave

**ANC** isolated

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

led by Mr Pik Botha, the of the country as a sanctuary in forced Minister vesterday return for a cessation of South

que cracking down on ANC use

African military aid to insur-

gents opposed to the Maputo

Government. South Africans

deny publicly that they give such aid, but this is discounted

Lesotho has promised to

supply Pretoria with more information about a plot alleg-

edly being hatched in South

tiny kingdom's government by

group of mercenaries operat-

ing under instructions from an

unnamed foreign power.
Lesotho revealed the coup plan

urgency" once it had been given

• PRETORIA: Three white

South African soldiers were

killed during clashes with the

South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) the army chief of staff aid here (AFP reports).

comprehensive details".

by observers.

to the U.N.

A South African delegation.

Foreign Minister, yesterday

held talks with senior Mozam-

The Mozambique news

agency quoted President Machel as saying that the talks

were essential in finding a

modus vivandi in southern

The South African delegation included General Magnus Malan, the Defence Minister,

and Mr Louis le Grange, the

Minister of Law and Order. The

Mozambique side was led by

Mr Jacinto Veloso, the Minister

"The main objective is that no country attacks another. Neighbours are not chosen. They may bother us, or we may bother them." President Machel

said. He was speaking at a conference in Guinea-Bissau of

former Portuguese colonies in

Mozambique, which sub-scribes to a broadly Marxist

ideology, has been the target of two armed attacks this year by South Africa, which claimed

they were aimed at buildings

occupied by African National Congress (ANC) guerrillas.

an agreement, with Mozambi-

cuts aid to

Zimbabwe

From Our Correspondent Washington

A possible outcome could be

of Economic Affairs.

bique ministers in Swasiland.

Harare (AP) - A two-day summit on African trade ended washington plans to developed countries and interpearly half, to \$40m (£26m) in the 1984 fiscal year which could the 1984 fiscal year which could world and a renewed pledge by 14 nations to go it alone in their

Administration officials denied that the aid cut resulted quest for economic power. directly from tensions between the two governments over produced yet further evidence recent Zimbabwe votes at the of a collective ability and desire to restructure the economies of They admitted, however, that our region on the basis of "it is no secret that there have interactivity and interdepen-been differences of opinion dence," Mr Robert Mugabe, between the U.S. and Zim-Zimbabwe's Prime Minister

and chairman of the second summit of the Eastern and Southern Preserential Trade Area, told delegates. The economic community of the U.S. in Grenada. It also 14 African nations, representing abstained in the Security Coun- a fifth of the continent's 500

million people, seeks to loosen sponsored resolution criticizing traditional trade ties with rich industrialized countries Members of Africa's newest economic community are: Burundi, the Comoro Islands, Djibouu, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Somalia, Swaziland,

Zambia and Zim-

# Briefing for Thatcher on **Kissinger mission**

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Margaret Thatcher at Downing Street today.

The former US Secretary of State has just returned from Venezuela where he assured President Luis Herrera Campins and President-elect Jaime Lusinchi that his commission was seeking the demilitarization of Central America, economic development and the creation of pluralist democracies.

He said these would be the objectives set out in the report, to be completed in February. He wanted to see the countries of Central America live in peace, free from foreign interference. Sir Geoffrey Howe,

Foreign Secretary, will also be at Downing Street. Dr Kissinger discussed the report at the Foreign Office yesterday with Lady Young, Minister of State with responsibility for North and South America.

The meetings have been arranged at his request during a private visit to London, according to Whitehall sources. The US Embassy said it was unaware of Dr Kissinger's

• PANAMA CITY: Some Central American countries
mayb be having second
thoughts about the Contadora
Schor D'Aubuisse group's 21-point peace plan for the region, according to diplomatic sources (Reuter reports).

Dr Henry Kissinger will four countries which make up discuss his forthcoming report on Central America with Mrs Panama and Venezuela gathered here yesterday to discuss how their proposals could be put into practice.

The Contadora countries originally intended Central American representatives to attend the talks, but the meeting including them was postponed. "Some countries may feel reluctant to commit themselves at this stage", one senior foreign diplomat said.

Key provisions of the plan, approved by Central American countries in Panama in September, include withdrawal of foreign military advisers and an end to support for rebel groups in the region.

 MANAGUA: Nicaragua said that about 2,000 US backed rebels had launched a new offensive, penetrating deep into the northern province of Jinotega (Reuter reports).

The right-wing rebels, of the Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN), entered the country from bases neighbouring Honduras and have fought a series of battles
SAN SALVADOR: The

Salvadorean right-wing leader, Señor Roberto D'Aubuisson, has been named presidential candidate of the Arena Party

Political sources said that Schor D'Aubuisson would step down as president of the Constituent Assembly, as renatic sources (Reuter reports). quired by law. The election is The Foreign Ministers of the due to take place on March 25.

### Swiss angry at action of Italian agents

Rome (Reuter) - Switzerland as protested officially to Italy against what it terms repeated violation of Swiss sovereignty by Italian secret agents, Italian foreign ministry officials said

They confirmed local press reports which said a diplomatic Note, presented to the Italian ambassador in Berne on Monday, warned Italy that if the violations continued relations between the two countries could Africa for the overthrow of the suffer.

Switzerland also demanded an explanation for a statement by an Italian official last August about Italian secret service Maseru, the capital, were called for a briefing by Mr Evaristus Sekhonyana, the Foreign Minister, and a message amount of the capital for a briefing by Mr Evaristus Sekhonyana, the Foreign Minister, and a message amount of the capital for the capital for

### ter, and a message was also sent Peruvian police Pretoria denies any know-ledge of the plot, but says it would be ready to cooperate in an investigation "as a matter of general shot

General Carlos Herrera, a senior officer of the Peruvian plainclothes police, was shot dead by four men in Lima yesterday (our Foreign Staff writes).

The attack on General Herrera, commander of the police training school, came hours after the police had claimed to have captured Antonio Diaz Martinez, one of the leading figures in the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrilla movement.

### Abortion doctor must pay up

Bonn - A doctor who carries out an unsuccessful abortion must pay compensation to the mother and maintenance for the child if negligence can be proved, a West German appeal court ruled yesterday. The court, at Zweibrücken in

Saarland, ordered an unidentified woman gynaecologist to pay £765 compensation to a 42 year-old woman, now a mother of five.

### Murdoch buys

Chicago (Reuter) - Field Enterprises said yesterday it has signed a final agreement to sell the Chicago Sun-Times, the country's seventh largest-selling daily newspaper, to Mr Rupert Murdoch, for \$90m (£64m)



The new West German Ambassador to Britain, Baron Ruediger von Wechmar, aged 60, who takes up his post today. He served as Ambassador in Rome after representing Germany at the United Nations for seven years.

### Ciskei ruling

Bisho, Ciskei (AFP). - The Supreme Court here has ruled that the Ciskei authorities should immediately bring Father Smangaliso Mkhatshwa, Secretary-General of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' conference before the court. He was arrested seven weeks ago.

### Church demand

East Berlin (Reuter) - The East German Protestant Church has demanded the release of two women pacifists arrested last week after meeting a member of the British Campaign for Nuclear Dismarma-

# Drought appeal

Geneva (AP) - The International Red Cross, citing worsening drought conditions in Mauritania, has launched an international appeal for 17 million Swiss francs (£5.4m) in cash and kind.

### Rwanda 'choice'

Kigali, (AFP) - Major-Gen-eral Juvenal Habyarimana was reelected President of Rwanda with more than 99 per cent of the vote in Monday's presidential election.

### Sentences to stay Seoul (AFP) - A Seoul Appeal Court has upheld the

prison sentences imposed in August on six Chinese hijackers who forced a Chinese domestic airliner to South Korea in May.

### Eating again

Brussels (Reuter) - University students on hunger strike in Brussels since November 22 in protest against a Bill to restrict immigration have ended their

### Pandora bounty

Brisbane (AFP) - A cannon and other artefacts have been recovered by divers from HMS Pandora, a British frigate wrecked in 1791 while carrying mutineers from HMS Bounty back to England for trial.

### **EEC** faces cheese-paring Retirement at 59 for if money is to last **West Germans**

From Our Correspondent, Bonn
West German workers will be described the plan as a "job The European Commission is It also means that the only being forced into a drastic quick and certain way in which

able to retire at 59 under a creation pact between the state.

workers who opt for early retirement will be paid a minimum of 65 per cent of their start court proceedings against the Parliament for having former gross pay. But retirement agreements will be negotiated between employers and employees, and there will be no upper limit on pensions.

Firms which replace an early retirer with an unemployed younger adult or take on a school leaver as an extra apprentice, will receive a state subsidy of 40 per cent of their contributions to their former employee's pension and health

Herr Norbert Blum, the Bonn Labour Minister, yesterday

Government plan announced workers and trade unions." He yesterday, to find jobs for added: "It is a model of younger people and reduce cooperation in difficult times. It unemployment of more than is also a contribution to solidarity between the gener-Under the voluntary scheme, ations, offering relief to older workers who opt for early workers and a chance of entirement will be paid a employment for the younger." The scheme, approved by the

Cabinet on Monday, is expected to become law next April and will apply for five years. All workers aged between 59 and 65 will be eligible for carly retirement without question, except for those in firms with 20 or fewer employees who will regire their employer's agree-

The scheme will not apply to civil servants, Herr Blum said, because they already had their own part time and "flexitime" working arrangements.

### works on in Cabinet From Our Correspondent

Lambsdorff

One Graf Lambsdorff, the West

German Economics Minister, who has been charged with corruption, is to remain in office until further notice, the chief government spokesman said yesterday. Herr Peter Boenisch told a

press conference that this has been agreed in a talk between Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Herr Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister and Free Democrat leader, and Count Lambsdorff. Count Lambsdorff in a

statement confirmed that "my work as Federal Minister for Economics goes on," his de-cision was based on his "good conscience" he added. "I will not let unfounded charges push me out of office."

### Arms found in Solidarity priest's flat From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

A secret cache of explosives... ammunition, an illegal printing press and thousands of leaflets calling for demonstrations was discovered in the apartment of a radical pro-solidarity priest in Warsaw, the Polish authorities

disclosed yesterday. The flat was being rented by Father Jerzy Popieluszko, whose outspoken sermons attacking martial law and official abuses of human rights have earned him a following of thousands of Solidarity supporters and the suspicion of the security police.

The find is a serious upset to the Catholic Church leadership, which has until now been able to sustain an uneasy compromise between statesmanlike appeals for calm and reconciliation with the militancy of

The second secon

Senior Church representatives managed to secure the acting as his bodyguards release of Father Popieluszko last week, but investigations are continuing on the basis of at least two serious charges possession and storage of explosives and ammunition and preparing action to disturb

charges, concerning abuse of his religious rights by injecting politics into his services, and police say they then found the

keys to his apartment. Normally Father Popieluszko lives in a small cramped room in the rectory of his church of St

parish priests, many of whom Stanislaw Kostka, in the Zolisay that the church must more borz suburb of Warsaw. His actively defend the suffering congregation includes many and persecuted. wa steelworks who had been

If the authorities can produce concrete evidence that the Church has been giving material support to the underground opposition, and is even preparing for violence, they will have important propaganda breakthrough. Mr Jerzy Urban, the Govern-

ment spokesman, confirmed yesterday that there had been trouble in the Barcezewo prison, which houses Solidarity pri-soners. Informed sources say that Solidarity is trying to win political prisoner status Leading article, page 13

### Threnody for the aged carp of Copenhagen

sad, he was kind of a friend to Bay on September 2, 1945, our fingers."
Nobody really knows how

old the grey European carp was

### Ship where war ended returns to duty From Our Own Correspondent Washington

Copenhagen

Copenhagen (AP) - The beloved old carp at Denmark's aquarium, senile for weeks, finally has gone the way of all fish.

"We are naturally a little way are not a little way a substant of the Second World War. The S876 45,000-ton battle-ship was applied of the Second World War. The S876 45,000-ton battle-ship was applied of the Second World War.

"We are naturally a little ship was anchored off Tokyo us," Dr Arne Schioetz, the aquarium director said. "It was a regular ritual to let him suck our fingers."

It was a regular ritual to let him suck our fingers."

It was a regular ritual to let him suck our fingers." Nimmitz for the United States. when it died on Monday, but Dr Schioetz's educated estimate is that it was at least 45 years old.

The dead fish, or at least part of it, will remain on display, in a museum at Copenhagen University.

She is equipped with 16in guns, comparable to the largest at present possessed by US Navy vessels, capable of delivening 2,500lb projectiles 23 miles. Currently she is something of a tourist attraction among ships in the "inactive fleet" at the Puget Sound naval She is equipped with 16in



Out of mothballs: The battleship Missouri in action

shipyard, Bremerton, Washing- The outside was coated with The ship is in good condition. taken out of commission

preservatives when she was

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President Mitterrand and Senor prisoned and charged with cration after Senor González Felipe Gonzalez, the Spanish premeditated wounding, but came to power, France has done Prime Minister who is on a were released earlier this little to help tackle the Basque private visit to Paris, met month, allegedly for lack of terrorist problem, which has yesterday against a backdrop of evidence. yesterday against a backdrop of evidence. growing exasperation in Madrid with French attitudes to its EEC

lived in France since 1979.

Señor Oniadera was serving

hehind a bar when three of four

men burst in and shot him. The

group was later seen escaping in

a car licensed in Navarre, Spain.

number of attacks and kidnap

attempts against Spanish refu-gees in the French Basque

country over the past few

months, and there are strong

Four Spanish police in plain

suspicions that the Spanish police may be involved.

clothes were recently caught

red-handed by French police in Bayonne as they tried to kidnap

suspected leading member of

ETA, the Basque terrorist

organization. They were im-

Scrooge alongside Spain's most beloved Yuletide character, El

That is what Spaniards call their annual Christmas draw,

still the world's biggest lottery

despite the slipping value of the

peseta. The total prize money

this year, 53.1 billion pesetas

(£239m), is probably greater

than the entire annual state budget of some Third World

pesetas (more than £1m) each,

and hundreds of thousands of other prizes ranging from hefty to modest, *El Gordo* is a bet

that gambling Spaniards cau-

not pass up. At the very least,

they know that the smallest prize, amounting to a refund of the cost of the ticket, will be

Tomorrow morning, just as

out in their best blue serge, will most common share is hold all Spain spellbound as tenth, known as a decimo.

they have done for well over a century, the boys of St Ildeson-so's school in Madrid, togged

dered that the four co-pro-

prietors and manager of the Madrid discothèque, where 80

people died in a weekend fire.

iail. The five have been held

without charge in police cus-

tody since Saturday.

transferred to Carabanchel

paid to one out of every 10.

With 46 top prizes of 250m

Gordo. (The Fat One).

There has been an increasing

entry and to Basque refugees in had telephoned the Red Cross sanctuary for ETA militants. There has been no official in San Sebastian, in the Spanish Basque country, demanding visit between the two socialist leaders since Señor González their liberation in return for the came to power just over a year ago, but there has been frequent release of M Segundo Marey, a businessman of Spanish origin. encounters at ministerial level living in the French Basque border town of Hendaye, who had been kidnapped two days between the two countries. An organization called the Liberation Anti-Terrorist

Group claimed responsibility Responsibility for the kidnapping of M Marey, who was freed last week, was claimed by yesterday for the murder in Bayonne on Monday night of an alleged Spanish Basque terrorthe hitherto unknown Antiist, Ramón Oniadera, who has Terrorist Liberation Group. In its latest telephoned

message to a newspaper in St Jean-de-Luz, the group said that Señor Oniadera's murder was part of "the systematic line of attack against ETA terrorists which we are going to pursue to the bitter end in France in the coming weeks. The murders recently committed in the Spanish Basque country will meet with a firm response.

"Today's execution is only the beginning. We will demonstrate in the same way against any French people who hide. collaborate with or give work to terrorists... You will hear from

Spain feels that, despite initial promises of closer coop-

onous tane to welcome The Fat

flanked by two hage wire cages full of tiny wooden balls. The

balls in one cage are painted

with numbers, all the numbers

on the tickets. Each ball in the

other cage is painted with a

prize amount. As each pair is

drawn, one boy sings out the lucky number and another

sings the prize, to a simpletune

reminiscent of Gregorian chant.

possible unless Spaniards spent a let ou El Gordo, and

they do. The total this year is

expected to reach 75.9 billion

man, woman and child.

setas or about £10 for every

The cost of full ticket, with

potential winnings of up to 250m pesetas, is 25,000 pese-

tas, but few Spaniards hold a whole ticket. Most buy shares

in one or more numbers. The

Madrid disco owners moved to jail

From Our Own Correspondent, Madrid

A magistrate yesterday or- tects joined the public outcry, the tragedy, the architects said,

The architects also criticized

the new regulations and said

dy since Saturday. they lacked precise technical anything about the frequency of Madrid's College of Archispecifications. Months before safety checks.

alleging yesterday that the they told Industry Ministry majority of discotheques in the inspectors that they were

capital had not been checked under the 1982 revised safety regulations.

worried about conditions in the discotheques.

Madrid City Council officials

Such a payoff would not be

The Fat One has £239m

for Spain's gamblers

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Father Christmas looks like they strike up their monot-

It was noted, however, that attacks in the last three months their release came only a few alone. It claims that the French days after an anonymous caller. Basque country has become a

The other big bone of contention is France's apparent dragging of its feet over Spain's application to join the EEC. French farmers, particularly in the fruit and wine-growing area of the south-west, are vehemently opposed to Spain or Portugal's entry, fearing that their markets will be swamped by the unrestricted import of cheaper products.

Earlier this month, however, Señor González described as very positive" President Mitterrand's latest comments on the enlargement of the community, in which he called on the Ten to at least set a date for

● MADRID: The Basque autonomous Government yes-terday condemned what it "dirty war methods" of fighting terrorism after the Bayonne killing (Richard Wigg

Protests were held in towns on the Spanish side of the frontier, with main road traffic blocked at Renteria, where deomonstrators carried banner reading: "You are the terrorists González, Mitterrand."

Jodie Foster: Fined

Drugs found in

actress's case

Boston (AFP) - Jodie Foster

aged 20, the American actress,

was briefly detained and fined

an undisclosed amount after

\$100 (£70) worth of cocaine was

found in her luggage when she arrived at Boston airport from

Paris. The drug was discovered

during a routine customs

inspection on Monday. Miss Foster is a student at Yale.

have already admitted the 1982

regulations do not lay down



No sale: Mr Regan, the US Treasury Secretary (right) and Mr Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, showing the press

# Seized Russian-bound computers on show

From Mohsin Ah, Washington

The Reagan Administration has its concern about illegal Soviet acquisition of Western military technoligy by displaying pieces of an advanced computer system seized just before it was to be smuggled into Soviet Union.

nrging Congress to tighten federal controls over the export of high technology to the Soviet

Soviet leader can only afford so

many unprecedented absences

before his political credibility is

called into question", one

nominally collective but in

practice dominated by one man,

who sets the tone for the regime

and largely determines policy.
As General Secretary of the

party, Mr Andropov is obliged

to guide the Polithuro and

Central Committee, from which

he derives his power. As head of state he would normally preside

at the Supreme Soviet sessions

which follow the biannual party

It was reported recently that

rers are d

Mr Andropov had returned to

work on a part-time basis.

Politburo sanatorium just out-

convalescing after kidney sur-

United States magazine News-

week reported this week that Mr

Informed sources said the

meetings.

side Moscow.

The Soviet leadership

diplomatic observer said.

insiders unfriendly.

It is also drawing with its nato allies and Japan a stricter list of strategic goods that must be exported to the Warsaw part

Mr Donald Regan, the treasury Secretary, and Mr Casper Weinberger, the feace Secretary, held a joint their to chart their press conference to show their concern this week. They used a

Union and other governments it room crowded with large pieces of sophiscated equipment they said represented about half of the shipment recently stopped by the West Germans in Hamburg.

Mr Regan said the interception of the equipment on November9 foiled what could have been a Soviet coup. If the powerful system, known as the Vax 782, and worth \$1.5 (£1m) had reached the Soviet Union it would have increased the accuracy of Soviet weapons.

the Swedish southern port of Helsingborg. US and Swedish the return of the consignment which is believed to be part of the same computer system

Another shipment of highly

sophisticated American-made computer, also believed to be bound for the Soviet Union, was seized in late November at officials are now negotiating for

dards, and instructions to deal quickly with any property which was seriously over-scale." The report specifically cited over-scale residences in Nairo-Turkey gets

bi, Vienna and Singapore, where the Foreign Office had 12 shown reluctance to economize. Action has been agreed on the Nairobi and Vienna, but ministers have decided that Eden ... House should be retained in 55. Singapore, though the house is an 69 per cent over-scale and was at: last year valued at £2.75m. The MPs said that the

Foreign Office

censured

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

The Foreign Office was

censured by the Commons !!

Accounts yesterday for its

Select Committee of Public

failure to pursue economy

measures in managing its

The all-party committee, which has a Conservative

majority, began by criticizing the Foreign Office for taking

almost three years to issue new

standards for residential accom-

it was explained to the MPs

that running the overseas estate

was a matter of "extraordinary"

complexity" and that, though it

and inexpensively as possible;

staff had to have "the tools for

But the committee com-

nented: "We were surprised to

learn that, in promulgating the

new standards, FCO did not call

for specific action to reallocate

or dispose of over-scale prop- "9

"We would have expected to "in

see much more emphasis on the hand for economy and for

general adherence to the stan-

the jobs".

was recognized diplomats should be housed as efficiently

£200m diplomatic estate.

Foreign Office gave too much emphasis to prestige or tra- widition. "We question the need of to maintain in the 1980s and lavish style of personal accom- imodation which appears to have outlived its time. We therefore urge FCO to adopt a radical change in attitude, giving a new and positive emphasis to considerations of cost effectiveness."

The Foreign Office had tended to resist the agency's economy plans "for questionable reasons," and officials had shown little sign of "enthusiasm or urgency in pursuing the possibilities of greater economy and efficiency

mittee of Public Accounts, Session 1983-84; Economy Measures in the Civil, Defence

Fifth Report from the Com-

### The Administration has bee

### Next week crucial for ailing leader From Richard Owen, Moscov

Andropov had less than two

Andropov health doubts

With President Andropov. still absent from public view, vears to live, but no other speculation is growing that he source has confirmed this. may break all precedents by not There have been persistent appearing at next week's crucial rumours Mr Andropov is about Central Committee and Supreme Soviet (Parliament) to make his promised reappear-

There were reports that he Mr Andropov, who suffers would be shown awarding from kidney and heart ailments, has not been seen since the Hungarian minister middle of August, and did not to meet Kohl attend the annual parade on Red Square on November 7. "A

Bonn (Reuter) - The Hungarian Foreign Minister, Mr Peter Varkonyi, will meet Chancellor Helmut Kohl here today for the first high-level encounter between a Nato and Warsaw Pact country since Moscow abandoned the Geneva missile talks last mouth. Officials said Bonn would

urge Hungary to use its influence in the seven-nation Pact to try to break the deadlock between Moscow and Washington. Chancellor Kohl has written

to all Warsaw Pact leaders, the Bonn Government announced yesterday. The note was thought by observers to be part of his efforts to revive arms control talks.

over whether he is at his desk in medals to the cosmonauts who the Kremiin or at a special returned from the Salyut 7 space station last month, but in the end the awards were merely announced in the press. Soviet Soviet leader spent most of his leaders normally attend the time at the sanatorium, and was ceremony.

There have been other gery. He is said to have suitable occasions, including the difficulty moving about. The visit to Moscow last week by the Foreign Minister of Finland, but none has been used.

In a further sign of Mr Andropov's disability, diplomats said Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, had sought a meeting with the Soviet leader in late December to discuss his world peace initiative, but had been told Mr Andropov was unable to receive

The almost feverish expectations of Mr Andropov's reemergence after nearly six months subsided this week, suggesting that Kremlin advisers - including Politburo doctors - had decided that Mr Andropov's energies should be conserved for Monday's Central Committee plenum Now, however, even that seems to be in doubt.

The uncertainty has led to loss of political momentum, with bewildered lower-level officials looking for guidance and higher-level officials manocuvring for the next succession.

The Communist Party is now in the middle of important elections to local offices which Mr Andropov had hoped to use, as a mini-purge. An attack in Pravda last week on party incompetence in Moldavia suggests that Mr Andropov is seeking to push the purge

There are also to be elections to the Supreme Soviet next March. Although the elections are a formality, since no choice of candidates is offered, the occasion could be used to ease out ministers from the Brezh-

### a warning on missiles Moscow (Reuter) - The

Soviet Army newspaper Arasnaya Zvezda yesterday warned Turkey against strengthening its military links with the United States and said that Moscow would not accept American nuclear missiles on Turkish The newspaper said that

Ankara was ignoring past agreements with Moscow which pledged both sides to avoid the use or threat of force. · Leading Turkish politicians were now calling for an

American "nuclear umbrella" over their teritory and trying to condition the public to the idea of deploying weapons: there, the newspaper said. It added that this would be a breach of the treaties and that Moscow would retaliate.
It also reminded Ankara that

Moscow had forced the removal of United States Juniter missiles deployed in Turkey in 1959 within nine months of their office, £6.

May inquiry reopened

Rome (AP) - A magistrate be those of Signora Guerin to be into the disappearance of Mrs Jeanette May, a Briton, and her Italian companion Signora Gabriella Guerin, after reports they may still be alive, a weekly magazine has reported.

The magazine La Domenica

The magistrate would neither in

confirm nor deny the report,

del Corriere said that Signor Alessandro Jacoboni, the inves-

but court sources confirmed that the case had been reopened :1.2 Two skeletons were discovered in January 1982 in an

isolated forest in central Italy 14 months after Mrs May and her .... companion vanished during a ... blizzard. The magazine did not no

tigating magistrate of Camerino, explain why officials think the had ordered remains believed to two women may still be alive. Court of Justice of the European Communities

# Law Report December 21 1983 Buyers liable for repudiation

Berger & Co v Gill & Duffus SA Before Lord Diplock, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Roskill, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook and Lord Templeman

[Speeches delivered December 15] Buyers who repudiated a contract of sale by sample by wrongfully rejecting valid shipping documents on their presentation accompanied by a valid certificate of quality in respect of only part of the contract goods, could not avoid liability for the repudiation by seeking to prove that that part of the contract goods in respect of which a certificate of quality had not been obtained, were nonconform with their description in a manner which went also to quality and without proving that the sellers could not have obtained a valid certificate of quality for those

The House of Lords so held, allowing an appeal by the sellers. Berger & Co Inc from a decision of the Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Robert Goff dissenting) on January 27. 1983, who allowed an appeal by the buyers, Gill & Duffus SA. from a decision of Mr Justice Lloyd on July 28. 1981.

Mr Bernard Rix, QC. and Miss Elizabeth Birch for the sellers; Mr David Johnson, QC, and Mr Peregrin Simon for the buyers.

LORD DIPLOCK said that the subject matter of the appeal was a single contract dated December 22, 1976 for the sale of 500 tonnes of "Argentine Bolita Beans - 1974 Crop" as per sample, cif Le Havre, on the terms of GAFTA 41 subject to certain variations, of which the most material was a provision that a certificate of quality at port of discharge given by the General Superintendence Co Ltd. Paris (GSC) should be final.

On February 3, 1977 the full 500 tonnes was shipped on the Salland from Costa Rica and arrived at Le Havre on March 21, but only 445 tonnes of the consignment were discharged. The balance was overcarried to Rotterdam and brought back to Le Havre on April

Shipping documents which covered the whole contract quantity of 500 tonnes were presented at the buyer's bank as provided for in the contract clause relating to payment, on March 22, 1977. The buvers on March 22, 1977. The buyers rejected the documents and refused GSC certificate as to quality.

A GSC certificate under the being included among shipping required to tender to his buyer in return for payment of the price under a contract of sale in ordinary

The sellers did not elect to treat the buyers' refusal to pay upon presentation of documents as a wrongful repudiation of the contract but instead set about obtaining a GSC certificate in relation to the 445 tonnes that had been discharged. Shipping documents were re-presented to the buyers together with that certificate on March 30, but were again rejected.

The sellers then did treat that

refusal as a wrongful repudiation of refusal as a wrongius representation the contract and elected to treat the the contract and elected to treat the contract as rescinded. That had the consequence in law that all primary obligations of the parties under the contract which had not yet been performed were terminated. That termination did not prejudice the right of the party so electing to claim damages from the party in repudiatory breach for any loss

sustained in consequence on the non-performance by the latter of his primary obligations under the contract future as well as past. When the sellers elected to treat the contract as repudiated on April 1. they ceased to be under any

contractual obligation to deliver up the contract goods. The buyers on the other hand became liable to the sellers in damages for breach of Prima facic the measure of such

damages would be the difference between the contract price of the 500 tonnes and the price obtainable for the documents representing the goods at date of the acceptance of the repudiation. Words used in a contract of sale

for goods which were not "specific goods" as defined in section 62 of the Sale of Goods Act 1893, often included words which described a

characteristic as to quality or condition that they possessed which goods of the same general kind. The Court of Appeal was correct its conclusion in Toeplar Continental Grain Co ([1974] 1 Lloyd's Rep 11), that where the

description of the goods included a statement as to their quality and

to pay against presentation on the provided that a certificate as to quality was to be final, the certificate was final as to the correspondence of the goods with the description of quality in the contract notwithstanding that the certificate was proved to have been

> The reason why it was consistent The reason way it was consistent with section 13 of the 1893 Act was that while "description" itself was an ordinary English word, the Act contained no definition of what it meant when it referred to a sale "by description". One had to look to the contract as a whole to identify the kind of goods that the seller was agreeing to sell and the buyer to buy.

Where the sale was "by sample as well as by description" character-istics of the goods which would be apparent on reasonable examination of the sample were unlikely to have been intended by the parties to form part of the "description" by which the goods were sold, even though such characteristics were mentioned in references in the contract to the goods that were its

When a buyer under a cil contract accepted shipping documents which transferred the property in the goods to him, the property in the goods he obtained were subject to the condition subsequent that it would revest in the seller if upon examination the buyer found them to be not in accordance with the contract in some respect which would entitle him to reject them and did in fact reject them,

That was because the cif contract remained on foot, and being a contract of the sale of goods, the buyer had a right under section 34 of the 1893 Act to reject the goods contract and retained that right until he had had a reasonable opportunity to examine the goods after delivery.

Given the absence of any uggestion of difference in quality between the 55 tonnes and the 4451 that the GSC had certified as equal to the sample, the buyers lacked the finding of fact essential to their defence in part to the seller's claim in damages that on a balance of probabilities GSC would not have issued a similar certificate in respect of the 55 tonnes.

Lord Keith, Lord Roskill, Lord Brandon and Lord Templeman pheitors: Middleton Pons & Co; Richards Butler & Co.

**European Law Report** 

### Limits of promotions within **EEC** law

Apple and Pear Development Council v K. J. Lewis Ltd Case 222/82

Before: Judge J. Mertens de Wilmars, President, and Judges T. Koopmans, K. Bahlmann, P. Pescatore, Lord Mackenzie Stuart, A. O'Keeffe, G. Bosco, O. Due and U. Everling Advocate General: Mme S. Rozes

Judgment delivered December 131 The Apple and Pear Develop-ment Council was established in 1966 by statutory instrument under the industrial Organization and Development Act 1947. Its func-tions include the promotion of scientific research, development of new materials, improvement in working methods and the marketing of products. Its activities are financed by a charge on growers. The council commenced proceed-ings in the Tunbridge Wells County

Court to recover from three growers the charge due for the year 1980-81. The defendants counterclaime for restitution of the sums paid since 1978, alleging that the continuation of the council was contrary to Community law. The county court made a reference under article 177

of the EEC Treaty.

In its judgment the court held:
Activities relating to scientific or technical research, the compilation of statistics, the dissemination imong growers of the information obtained and purely advisory functions were not of such a character as to hinder intra-Community trade or the functioning of the common organization of the

On the other hand, the description of the other functions entrusted to the council did not exclude the possibility that they might be exercised in a manner capable of hindering either intra-Community trade or the common organization of the markets. Publicity and promotional activi-

ties might be prohibited by article

30 of the Treaty if the campaign was

supported by public authorities. The council, which was set up by the

could not under Community law enjoy the same freedom as regards methods of advertising as that enjoyed by producers themselves or producers' associations of a volun-tary character. It was under a duty not to engage

in any advertising intended to discourage the purchase of products of other member states or to disparage those products in the eyes of consumers. Nor must it advis consumers to purchase domestic products solely by reason of their national origin.
On the other hand, article 30 did

not prevent such a body from drawing attention, in its publicity, to the specific qualities of fruit grown in the member state in question or from organizing campaigns to promote the sale of certain varieties, mentioning their particu-lar properties, even if those varieties were typical of national production Unless the rules on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables provided otherwise, member states and bodies such as the council were prevented from imposing unilateral provisions concerning the quality of the fruit concerning the quanty of the fruit marketed by growers. The Com-munity rules did not prevent competition regarding the quality of the produce between growers in a mber state or between those growers and importers. Nor did they prevent growers from concerning themselves with the reputation of national produce or a body such as the council from giving advice to growers in the form of simple recommendations concerning the quality and presentation of the fruit marketed. But any attempt by such a body to impose compliance with those recommendations by applying any sort of penalties or by using the authority vested in it by its constitution to bring pressure to bear on growers or on tracers would be unlawful.

The obligation to become a member of a body such as the council could not be regarded as incompatible with Community law unless the activities of the body were themselves contrary to it.

Charges such as those levied by

the council, being measures of a

fiscal nature or of equivalent effect,

fell within the scope of articles 9 to 16 and 95 of the Treaty, not articles Since the charge in question did not apply to imported produce and only affected produce intended for export in the same way as produce sold on the home market, it did not

A charge imposed on agricultural roducers was incompatible with the Community provisions relating to agricultural policy in so far as it had the effect, as a result of its influence on price formation or through a change in the structure of agricultural holdings, of impeding the functioning of the machinery organization of the markets. As a general rule, a charge of which the proceeds were essentially

used for publicity measures which would otherwise have to be financed by producers themselves could not have such effects but the levying of such a charge as the one in question would be contrary to Community law to the extent to which it served to finance activities incompatible with Community law. The fact that the council was created and maintained with the express approval of growers representing more than half the land

planted and after consultation with organizations apparently represent-ing a large number of persons carrying on business or employed in the industry did not affect the Articles 30 and 34 of the Treaty conferred on individuals rights which they might enforce before

national courts. The same direct effect applied in regard to the regulations on the common organization of the markets.

The interpretation of Community law given by the court under article 177 of the Treaty might and must be applied by the national court even to legal relationships arising and established before the judgment ruling on the request for interpretation, provided that in other

respects the conditions, which enbled an action relating to the application of Community law to be brought before the courts having jurisdiction, were satisfied.
It followed that the provisions of Community law might be raised as a defence to a claim for payment of a charge incompatible with them and

that they might also be raised as

uch a charge, where it had been

improperly levied. Where a charge served to finance a body, some of whose activities were contrary to community law, it was for the national court to decide whether, in the light of importance of the activities in question, that rendered the charge unlawful and must entail total or partial exemption. It was also for the national court to determine.

had to be refunded and whether and to what extent entitlement to a refund was offset by the advantages into two instalments, one for the ... accruing directly to the person concerned as a result of the ictivities of the body.

Finally, as regards products subject to the common organization

of the agricultural markets at the time of the United Kingdom's accession to the Community, the Treaty provisions prohibiting mea-sures having an effect equivalent to quantitative restrictions applicable in the United Kingdom on February 1, 1973, in accordance with article 60(1) of the act of

### Whether rum importation quota is lawful Commission v Council

Case 218/82 Before: Judge J. Mertens Wilmars, President, and Judges T.
Koopmans, K. Bahlmann, Y.
Galmot, P. Pescatore, Lord
Mackenzie Stuart, A. O'Keeffe, G.
Bosco, O. Due, U. Everling and C.

Advocate General: Mme S. Rozès

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Hudament delivered December 131 Article 2(1) of the second ACP-EEC Convention (OJ No L 347/1 of December 22, 1980) stated that products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) states would be imported into the Community free of customs duties

and charges having equivalent

Article 1 of Protocol No 5 provided that, until the entry into force of a common organization of imported duty-free into the Community under conditions such as to permit the development of traditional trade flows between the ACP states and the Community and between the member states. The object was to develop traditional trade flows while limiting the amount of rum which could be imported into the Community duty-

derogated from article 2(1) of the convention, providing that the Community would fix annually the quantities of rum which might be according to national law, whether and to what extent such a charge (OJ No L 189/1 of July 1, 1962)

the remaining member states. The latter was then allocated between those member states. Article 4(2) of the regulation provided that the United Kingdon would take the steps necessary to ensure that the quantities imported duty-free from the ACP states were

ment The Commission sought the b'? annulment of article 4(2) on the ground that it infringed articles 30 and 34 of the EEC Treaty by 5: preventing the United Kingdom from exporting to other member states rum imported duty-free from the ACP states. The Commission did not challenge the practice of dividing the total ACP quota between the member states.

In its judgment the Court of Justice of the European Communities held that, if article 4(2) prohibited the export of rum from the United Kingdom to other, member states, it would breach the Treaty provisions relating to the free, movement of goods the division of a tariff quota into national quotas might, in certain circumstances, be compatible with the Treaty subject. to the express condition that it did not hinder the free movement of the goods covered by the quots after ... they had been admitted to free circulation in the territory of a member state.

The question was whether that interpretation of article 4(2) was correct. The court held that, where secondary legislation was ambiguous, preference was to be given to the interpretation which rendered the measure compatible with the Treaty rather than to that which would lead it to be incompatible.

The court concluded that article 4(2) did not require the United t exports to other member states of rum originating in ACP states but only to ensure that those quantities imported by it were limited to its domestic consumption :

That interpretation was consisted without being irreconcilable within the other language versions, and corresponded to the objective of Protocol No S. In consequence: the court held article 4(2) of the court held article 4(2) of the regulation to be compatible with the Treaty and dismissed the action.

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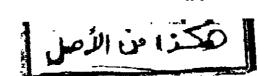
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Dance in France

# Russian rock lures the Parisians

If French ballet dancers can put on an evening of American modern dance, one ought not to be surprised at a troupe of Russian actors arriving in Pans with a rock opera. Versatility is the name of the game. I was able to catch both shows within 24 hours. with an early-evening programme by a visiting American company thrown in for good measure.

I am told that a telerecording of the Russian production looked dull on Channel 4; if so, it cannot have done justice to the effect on stage at L'Espace Pierre Cardin. Acting and dancing on steep translucent ramps. with a marvellously simple decor of a ship's prow, a few planks and ropes, imaginatively lit. the Komsomol troupe from Moscow conjure up a real-life adventure of 1806 when Count Rezanov sailed to California and tried to establish a trade and advised link between Purcia and the political link between Russia and the then Spanish possession.

Rezanov's ship was the Avos - a Russian word meaning a hope that could come true: but it did not. He met. loved and seduced the daughter of the governor of San Francisco, returned home for permission to marry her, and died. She waited for him 35 years, then entered a convent. Their night of love is shown in what is virtually a pas de deux arranged by the Bolshoi star Vladimir Vassiliev. who also staged a trained dancers.

The score of Avas, by Alexis Ribnikov, ranges from ancient church music through haunting ballads for the ship's officers to some first-rate rock by a Moscow group called Rock Atelier. Nicolai Karachentsev. as Rezanov, needs the microphone to cope with his limited amount of singing, but justifies his casting by the power and nuance of his acting; everyone else can put over the numbers as effectively as the lines which, incidentally, are mostly spoken just like an operatic ensemble, everyone facing front but coming in with perfect timing.

The book is by Andrei Woznessenski, hased on his long poem of the same title, and the production is directed by Marc Zakharov. Although

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Schubert

Christmas relaxation in what is

BBC lunchtime concerts was

provided by the Nash Ensemble

in Schubert's Octet, as unsuper-

ticial a piece of divertimentotype music as has been written. Now that Emmoven's

Septet is quite justifiably rarely

played, we are less aware of the

strong tradition of early nineteenth century "broken consort" preces to which many

composers, notably Hummel,

It would have been a callous

heart that was not touched

in its ebuilient but always lyrical

finale, with smiling, trilling

sequences. There were some

outstanding contributions from

the clarinet of Michael Collins

in particular, and the way in

which bassoon and horn took

up the agile theme of the first

movement showed a sense of

fine interplay and responsive-

One small aspect worried me.

In an interesting essay pub-lished a year ago. Arnold Feil showed how meticulous was

Schubert's use of accents in the

Scherzo of this work: he does

not mark thumps on every barline, as the Nash naturally

played it, but two thumps

followed by two unaccented bars - and, as Feil pointed out.

the confusion between decres-

cendo marks and accent marks

in the notation is considerable, and was not clarified here.

the prominence and variety of

Schubert's expressive use of

accents was very striking. Those

in the sinister introduction to

the finale were played with a

sharp, effective attack, but those

in the opening Allegro too often turned into just a lunge. The instruments of the time far

more naturally made a biting attack followed by a sudden

decay: to try and recreate the complexity indicated by Schu-bert's markings might reveal

Nicholas Kenvon

more subtleties in the music

Peter Maxwell Davies's The

Lighthouse, recently staged in Boston, is to be performed in Vienna by Studio K, a division of Wiener Kammeroper, opening on February 17. In June Studio K, which is dedicated to

presenting contemporary works,

will give the first stage production of Lieder-Spiel by

the young Austrian composer

Mozart's Bastien and Bastienne will be given by a chamber group from Kent Opera at Strawberry Hill House

on January 5 as the final event

in a conference organized by the

Heritage Education Trust to promote the use of historic

bouses for educational pur-poses. The performance will be

repeated the following night for

the Friends of Kent Opera-

Meinhard Rüdenauer.

Listening to the whole work,

contributed many works.

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I know scarcely a dozen words of Russian. I was held and thrilled throughout. Which is more than I can say of the programme of contemporary works by the Ballet de l'Opera at the Opera-Comique.

We all know what happens to best-laid plans, and Nureyev's intention of a triple bill by Merce Cunningham, Paul Taylor and William Forsythe was knocked agley first when Taylor's other commitments necessitated postponing his Rite of Spring until next June, then when Forsythe developed food poisoning and his premiere had to be put back a fortnight. All the same, Nureyev managed to put on a complete programme of modern American choreography, and only one real dud among them.

That one is Marce de mone cau. a pretentiously silly title for a pretentiously silly work by Tim Wengerd. formerly a dancer with Martha Graham. Having assembled a cast led hy one of the most expressive French ballerinas. Willinde Piollet, and four of the most gifted younger dancers, he has not much more to offer them than poses, groupings and walking around in costumes that suggested an alternative title: "I dreamed I was on stage in my Maidenform bra". Maybe they should have gone for sponsor-

Infinitely more worthwhile, and for me the evening's highlight, was Karole Armitage's Mussacre sur MucDougal Street, to Rhys Cha-tham's heavy rock score. I wrote about it a few months ago when the ()pera Ballet's experimental group gave it at Théatre de la Ville: it proved equally effective transferred from the open stage there to the more conventional one at the Opera-Comi-

Dancers of the experimental group also undertook the Cunningham première: Inlets II. a revised version of a work the chorengrapher's own company gave at Sadler's Wells on one of their London visits. John Cage's score, with sounds of water slopping or trickling around, caused quite a few intermission jokes about



Effective transfer: Massacre sur MacDougal Street

the need to "laire pipi". but the dancers tackled the complex assignment, with its many demanding. halances and slowly evolving move-ments, conscientiously, although unfortunately without quite the understanding of weight and emphasis that could convert it from an exercise to a lively experience.

Nobody could accuse Louis Falco's Black and Blue of lacking liveliness. Set to songs by Harry Nillson and Randy Newman, it is a choreographic joke about boxing Jean Guizerix brings a wary but massive power to the old champion, Bull Washington; Charles Jude is his hopeful young rival. Kid Lefty; and there are five others engaged in minor bouts – three of them played by a group of young women as delightful as they are talented: Florence Clerc, Marie-Claude Pietragalla and Marie-Josee Redont.

Two of the younger male soloists. Frédéric Oliviers and Wilfrid Romoli,

also have a round that suggests they have the quality to become champions themselves, and (for no very good reason except a casual line in one of the songs) there is a chorus line of spacemen, who are fine when they simply progress across the back, dimly seen through gauze, but Falco runs out of ideas for them when they actually invade the stage towards the

To be honest. Falco gets a bit short of ideas generally through trying to go 10 rounds, and like many of his works it ends inconclusively, but it is fun most of the time and the dancers (direct from the opulent Raymonda up the Boulevard des Italiens) let their air down engangingly.

The spirit they bring to Falco's choreography causes me to wonder what they might make of Lucinda Childs's. She and her company, at the Theatre de la Ville, gave three works in a 75-minute programme without intermission. What energy!

The oldest work of the evening. Dance I from 1979, shows her style at its purest: based, like the Philip Glass score, on repetition with tiny variations, it has tremendous pace and constantly changing detail that demands, and rewards, close attention as the eight dancers whizz back and forwards across the stage in pairs.

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Two later pieces show the same principles being pulled sideways into more elaborate floor patterns and greater variety of pace. The earlier work has a bigger impact but Childs has obviously found a way forward that does not distort the original concept. The way she commands both form and individuality ought to be an inspiration to modern British chor-eographers, too many of whom seem to flounder about without either. It is frustrating that, when she brings her company to Paris, nobody can add a side trip to London.

John Percival

# Gripping snapshot

Television

With 1984 so close, the literary CID, always alert for a significant date and unconcerned about overtime, is already about overtime, is already conspicuously reinvestigating George Orwell. His case is unlikely to be closed, Exposition is indeed so abundant that generations who have not read him might conclude that there is no necessity to do so.

Should that be the case, last night's BBC1 drama-documentary. Orwell on Jura - the Crystal Spirit, may have caused them to think again, spurring them to appraise for themselves his odd, ionely chap with the obsession with truth, the admir-able scepticism and the deep suspicion of power. BBC Scot-land struck tellingly here while other irons are still heating. It will be interesting to see if anthing - and there will be much more - comes up to the excellent snapshot they pre-

What they did was to focus on the man, to re-enact the writing of Nineteen Eighty Four while Orwell was painfully descending his last slope, accelerating that descent with his own grim determination to hone it to his own, grudgingly-yielded satisfaction. It was beautifully shot on the island where he wrote it, in the house where he did so. Alan Plater had the assistance of Orwell's

biographer, Professor Bernard Crick, and various people who remembered Orwell's last stand in Jura. for his script.

He made a brilliant job of it. the dialogue spare, mordant, intuitive and sadly humorous. Ronald Pickup was Orwell, established in the part before he had spoken a word by a back shot showing the long lean, overcoated figure with the unmistakeable hair-cut. Nothing he did subsequently took away from the conviction that this was Orwell.

The supporting cast was equal to his virtuoso performance. Fiona Walker as his sister Avril and David Swift as his artist friend were particularly good. Plater's script enabled them to present a picture of solid relationships based on affection but tempered by the realization that the object of it was an ornery cove.

"I read all your damn books". Avril tells him when he returns from hospital; the brief sister-brother dialogue, with irony masking sentiment, on their relative literary merit was one of many memorable moments. The cast, the pro-ducer Norman McCandlish, the director John Glenister and Mr Plater can go into 1984 with well-patted backs.

Dennis Hackett

somewhere in the uncredited

Meanwhile, we have to roar a

greeing to every entrance of Jill Gascoine's cheeky cockney Aladdin, and Richard O'Sullivan's Wishee Washee; warn the cast of lurking gorillas, and hurling them.

insults at each other. As there is

Shaftesbury

As you would expect from a line-up including Tommy Trin-der, Roy Kinnear, Lynsey de Paul, and Derek Griffiths, storytelling is not a priority in the Shaftesbury panto. Living up to its name, the Theatre of Comedy company is out mainly to raise a laugh by doing its own

is arranged as a series of spot routines for everyone in sight. Mr Kinnear appears with David Janson as a helmet-bashing Peking cop. A mystified Mr Trinder periodically wanders on with the one line "They seek him here..." Everything stops reverentially when Miss de Paul has a nice line in Knightsbridge chinoiserie. And Mr Griffiths tops the bill as a King Rat

But, if anything sums up the pouting rosebud-lipped harri-dan with a honking cleavage, very quick on his feet and no

### Theatre You name it, and it crops up

Aladdin

Gales of mirth and non-stop audience contact are the target. and Tudor Davies's production sings; it is fair to add that she boos and disdainfully mingling among the customers to tell them that he has poisoned their ice cream and deflated their

show, it is Mr Davies's Dame, a less nippy in ripping off the hoariest patter in the Christmas vault. "I must take down your particulars." "One is without."

also a black theatre number to get through, plus tinselled excursions into revved-up Borodin, there is not much time to spare for any silly old story about a magic lamp. This is a pity, as the book

contains two promising new

twists. Abanazar first casts a spell to save Aladdin from an imperial beheading, and subscquently transforms Wishee Washee into the Slave of the Lamp. Either of these ideas could have been interestingly followed up. But, come the cave scene, and Aladdin has forgotten any reason for being grateful to his benefactor. And although Mr O'Sullivan appears to wellmortified advantage in a gold-lamé track suit with a nodding cobra headpiece, his transformation has no influence on events. I have never seen the

so little attempt at suspense. The show is played against a hideous set of cutouts depicting the Peking supermarket or the Twankey laundry in spidery line drawings (by Alan Miller Bunford) and generally lit by James Baird in bilious yellow.

final rescue scene pass off with

**Irving Wardle** 

special character, harshly vin-

dictive and whimsical by turns, that owes nothing to a director's

props basket or performers like

Joanna Myers, regarding the courtiers in these curious kingdoms only as a heaven-

sent chance for mugging and

As the Gullivers themselves (there are two), the elegantly

enzzled and bespectacled John

Castle, drily interpreting a multiplicity of nonsense lan-

guages from a corner of the

stage, sees his younger self find

himself successively a giant, a

grimacing.

### Gulliver's Travels

Gate at Latchmere

For all its frilly-shirted mariners clinging to the main mast, or choreographed Houyhnhnms in body stockings. Lou Stein's adaptation of Swift is not much more than a director's exercise. It adds little (and is not really convincing) to stage Lilliput or Brobdingnag by having actors look upwards or downwards at imaginary and unstageable figures; the Laputans' experi-ments gain little by showing a plastic tube shoved up a toy dog's behind, and the little bits of dramaturgy necessary to cover awkward joins in the plot sound as though they were written on the back of an envelope.

Of course, Swift's satire and his fierce indignation (his own famous words) at mankind's follies and cruelties become contemporary afresh in every decade. In London now, who needs a commentator for Gulliver's commendation of gunpowder as a civilized device for blowing people up, for the horse kingdom's sexual equality in education or indeed for Laputa's planning blight through the unfinished schemes of "projection"?

available to read and full of a

midget, a dumbo among intel-lectual nutters and a human inferior graciously received by horses. The frank and curly Michael Fenton-Sievens dances like a circus freak for the Brobdingnagians and lends the Lilliputians a massive ear, but cannot make his Redriff home base any more real than it is in the book.

Seeing Lilliput represented by a cushion sewn with green bobbles and indulgently surveyed by the young Gulliver, I wished that the theatre would allow a few fictional works 10 live untouched. Not much hope in view of the Balzac, Defoe, Charlotte Bronté, Laurie Lee and Dostoyevsky adaptations in recent months. Who is next?

**Anthony Masters** 

# But all this is in the book,

"This is the story of a rape, of the events that led up to it and followed it... the affair ended with two nations locked in an imperial embrace of such long standing and subtlety it was no longer possible for them to know whether they hated or loved one another." Paul Scott

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Die Fledermaus

But it is Christmas. So the

credits, which mostly concern the newcomers, should be listed ine newcomers, should be listed first. There is, thank goodness, now a mezzo Orlofsky and a very good one in the shape of Doris Soffel. Her princeling is an exotic figure, his bald pate gleaming like a billard ball, and with a constal demandation. with a general demeanour much like that assumed by Klaus Kinski during his forays into vampire-land. And Miss Soffel, who was disappointing in Bayrenth last summer, is right back in voice and leads the Act Il ensembles with a panache sedly missing around her. Pennis O'Neill's Alfred is s aggy; roly-poly, italianate in

took the overture very slowly and scrupulously, favouring charm over the exuberance that sits alongside it in the score. is little doubt that the audience prefer Domingo on stage rather

principals remaining over from 1977 was generally dismal. Kiri Te Kanawa had an off night She was heavily prompted throughout Act I and by the end of Act III appeared to have lost interest in the opera. Hildegarde Heichele is scarcely now a this world get without charm? Hermann Prey's Eisenstein is self-indulgent and, since he was in rasping tone for much of the first act, it is strange that he was allowed to pad out an already long Act II with Sandor Barinkay's "Als flotter Geist" from Der Ziegeunerbaron. Benjamin Luxon's Falke is an oddly pale and unvindictive figure.

There is a welcome reappearance from Michael Langdon as Governor Frank. And Merle

story of the clown with Shakes-pearian yearnings: Cadell comes kind enough to play in a show of mine at the King's Head) there is not much doubt that he and Fairbrother have gone as far as they can together.

into a fifth season on BBC i next

you must stop playing him as soon as you can. Not that I'd have wanted to miss the chance: these last four years of my life have been extremely happy, and there's no doubt that a hit comedy series on television series. Look at what happened all now lead the West End because of their televisioncomedy background. On the staying too long with any one out to do the first soliloguy and

happened to me once, on a tour

kind of thing you lie awake worrying about. That and being an 'all right' sort of Hamlet. I wouldn't mind being extremely bad, and I hope to be extremely good; what I couldn't bear was the idea of being all right in the role. It's not that sort of role, is

Now 33, Cadell has already been in the business for 15 years; the son of a distinguished actors' agent, and the grandson of the actress Jean Cadell, he went to the Bristol Old Vic drama school in the 1967-69 generation of John Caird and Jeremy Irons and Tim Piggotthas been attempting to make Smith: "At first I was desperately shy some sort of sense of redcoat existence: though the series goes of telling my father I wanted to

go into the business, and when I did he told me I'd spend most year, Mr Cadell has decided of my life without work or that the time has come to return money. But the only other possibility was Law, and I so hated the classics master at to his legitmate theatrical roots school that I never got as far as O-level Latin, so that ruled that out. But I did get to Bristol, and from there straight into the Rep as an assistant stage manager, which meant that in all I've only ever had four months out of work. I suppose it has been a rather charmed existence, though not in any way because my father is an agent. Indeed I've never used that connexion: decided that if he started telling people I was the greatest thing since sliced bread manage-ments would know he was lying, whereas if another agent started telling them that they might only think he was lying. But people always said I'd have to wait until 40 before I had any kind of success: I somehow

> lead, and I always do very bad Unusually for an actor of his generation and temperament, Cadeli has lived almost entirely in the West End and regional theatre: his film career has thus far been limited to one non-appearance in a Peter Sellers comedy (his scene ended up on a cutting-room floor) and by the time the major companies did start showing some interest he was already deeply into Hi-de-

never looked like a juvenile

"But I've done some long West End runs, first with Ralph Richardson and Peggy Ashcroft in Lloyd George Knew My Father and then with John Clements in a Haymarket court drama, and I've been very lucky in working with that generation of players. I also have a brother

Cadell was also involved for a while with the Actors Company, living through some

joined late, three years into the company's existence, and I made a lot of enemies there by a complex manoeuvre whereby a minority of us managed to ensure that Edward Pether-bridge got control of the next season. He was clearly the right man for that job, but a lot of people in the company didn't agree and some of them still don't speak to me much even five years later. But that apart, the Actors Company was a remarkable experience: with an Arts Council grant of barely £50,000 we managed to tour two full-length plays (an Ayck-bourn and a Shaw) plus two Pinter one-acts all around England and South America plus a London season for which there was no funding at all. Part of the deal was that everything had to fit into half-a-dozen crates, except the actors who were allowed to travel separate-

"But I've always had a lot of time for the commercial theatre. which sadly most of my generation of actors seem now to look down on there's no reason, creitically or artistically, why Shaftesbury Avenue has to be a poor relation of the subsidized or regional com-panies. But, because twenty years ago commercial manage ments panicked at the escalating costs and began doing one-set six-character shows, people realized they could get that by staying at home with the television. Which is what they did. Now we have to get them back by spending some money and creating shows they can't get at home, and I don't just mean big old musicals.

"The first show I ever saw in the West End was the Peter Brook Tempest with John Gielgud, and where was that?



Doris Soffel: a touch of panache

# Opera Linguistic limbo

Covent Garden

The Royal Opera's Fledermaus dates from New Year's Eve, 1977. The present revival for much of its very considerable length gives the strong impression that it too was cast, and probably rehearsed, at round about that date. The production creaks through Julia Trevelyan Oman's dowdy sets her least successful foray into opera - occasionally flexing an arthruc limb and pointing it in the direction of Strauss's Vienna. But that city remains dispiritingly out of reach: this Fledermaus stays exactly where it should not be, in some linguistic limbo, where everyone uses whatever tongue is

speech and song, quite happy anywhere provided that he can roll out an aria or a bit of one. nd there is back again Josef

Frosch. He and Ingrid Baier, in

the tiny part of Ida, bring the

only authentic touch of Vienna.

Domingo, conducting for the

In the pit is Placido

N einrad's

incomparable

The orchestra clearly like playing for him and Act II had a good deal of sparkle. But there than below it: when Frosch sang the first couple of bars of "Celeste Aida" and Domingo from the pil answered with the second two there was the biggest cheer of the evening. The singing from most of the

soubrette in voice or figure and she delivered a charmless Adele - and where do the Adeles of

Park and Wayne Eagling treat the Frühlingsstimmen pas de deux as pure pastiche. When they were in full flight across the stage Adele and Ida had to get out of the way hastily; it was not clear whether that was in the script or not. Elsewhere a great deal of tidying up needs to be done before BBC 2's live relay this New Year's Eve.

John Higgins

Simon Cadell (right) bids farewell to *Hi-de-Hi!* in the run which opens at the Victoria Palace tomorrow. Interview by **Sheridan Morley** 

# One last fling at the old holiday camp

Even allowing for Danny La of Private Lives, and it's the Rue in Hello Dolly! at the kind of thing you lie awake Prince of Wales, there cannot be much doubt that the campest Christmas show of the season is to be found at the Victoria Palace where Simon Cadell leads the television cast of Hi-de-Hi! in their first London stage season. Butlin nostalgists addicted to this everyday story of lite and times behind the scenes in a 1950s holiday camp may however be saddened to learn that the current season marks the retirement of Jeffrey Fairbrother, the bemused academic who for the last four years and 32 television episodes

and in no uncertain way - as soon as the Victoria Palace run ends in March, he goes to Birmingham to give his Hamlet. This is not however the usual from a classic-theatre family and started out in As You Like It long years before he ever got caught up with the camp comics. And though the last year of his life has been solidly taken up with Bournemouth and BBC seasons of Hi-de-Hi! (with the exception of one short break during which, to declare all possible interests, he was

"He begins to bore me, and when a character does that then moves you further forward in the theatre than a hit drama to Penelope Keith and Richard Briers and Paul Eddington: they other hand there are dangers in series: I live in dread of the night at Birmingham that I so somebody calls out 'Hi-de-Hi' from the gallery. It's already

and sister in the business Patrick, who is David Lean's first assistant on the filming o Passage to India, and Selina who has recently been at the Court in Top Girls, so it does seem still to be a family affair."

turbulent backstage times: "I

Drury Lane. It doesn't have to be only for musicals. Look at the commercial-theatre succession Amadeus after it left the National. People will pay for an experience that television can't provide." And, judging by the advance booking at the Victoria Palace for Hi-de-Hi! also for one that television can provide.

# Sweet silver song of the Lark

gentle rural memoir is on the verge of becoming a moneyspinning

exercise in merchandising. Shirley Lowe charts the

making of Lark Rise to Candleford into a

bandwagon for everything from dolls and cosmetics

to bedspreads

"Oh, Laura! What a dunce you are." Miss Holmes, the village schoolmistress used to say to nine-year-old Flora Thompson when she couldn't do her sums. Miss Holmes was wrong. Flora, during the last years of her life, wrote three semi-autobiographical books about her Victorian childhood in rural Oxfordshire which, published in one volume, became Lark Rise to Candleford, the source and inspiration of a continuously expanding industry in

The hardback version of the book was published in 1939 and has been in print ever since. It went into paperback and sold 373,000 copies. Keith Dew-hurst turned it into two plays for the National, it has been produced as a record, bought up for a film and planned as a television series. This month the lavishly illustrated, abridged version of Flora Thompson's classic, bound beguilingly in countrykerchief red and white cloth, notched up sales of 200,000 copies, making it a serious contender for the coveted Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady

Christmas success spot.

Next year, Lark Rise rolls on to become a major merchandising project worth millions of pounds to stores and to the manufacturers of sheets and stationery and anything else that can be commercially glossed with the homespun charm and simple virtues of Mrs Thompson's lost world.

Flora Thompson was born in 1876 and lived with her parents and nine brothers and sisters (six of whom died in childhood) in the crowded end cottage of a hamlet called Juniper Hill in Oxfordshire - "A huddle of grey stone boxes with thatched or slated lids of the kind then thought good enough to house a farm labourer's family." In her books Juniper Hill is renamed Lark Rise, Flora calls herself Laura and Fringford, the nearby village where 14car-old laura is apprenticed to the postmistress, is known as Candleford Green. The area is now bounded by American Air Force bases and unpicturesque A roads.

Flora married John Thompson, a young post office clerk, when she was 24; because he despised her reading and writing as a waste of time, she wrote secret, sugared love stories and nature notes and poetry for women's magazines to pay for her children's upbringing. It was not until she was 61 that she began her masterpiece, a child's minutely observed view of the life of the poor in a remote Oxfordshire hamlet during the 1880s and 1890s. when the English countryside was on the brink of inevitable change.

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The rise and rise of Lark Rise: Top, designer Nicholas Thirkell, who has ways of making you read. Above left, the marketing team and, right, the book itself. Photographs by Scresh Karadia.

She recorded a world of simple pleasures and pastimes: the children playing dancing games and peg-tops, the men working long hours in the fields for 10 shillings a week and enjoying a sing-song in the pub in the evenings, the women scubbing, cleaning, cooking, caring for animals and children and managing to make a meal out of a scraping of lard seasoned with sweet rosemary, "They knew the nowlost secret of being happy on little," recalled Mrs Thompson, before her death in 1947.

The Morning Star, reviewing the National Theatre's highly successful "promenade" version of Lark Rise at the Cottesloe - the audience had to step smartly back as the villagers swept towards them with scythes - saw it differently, as "the harsh reality of rural poverty and the close, supportive country-garden flowers look wanly but sometimes claustrophobic atmos- oriental on a tea service – and the 30

Either way, Flora is in tune with our current collective nostalgia for rural simplicity, the romantic evocation in memoirs and reprints and television serials and supermarkets of a bygone era when Mrs Bridges knew her place, every bedroom was sprigged in Laura Ashley cotton, and jam pots were topped with red and white checked cambric. Her philosophy, embodying such back-stiffening maxims as "Pay your way and fear nobody" and "If a job's worth doing, it's worth doing well", is the very stuff of those Victorian values so admired by Mrs

Michael Joseph published it in a faithful facsimile as The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady, the publishing world has been searching for an equally satisfactory money-maker. It was published in 1977, has sold more than 2½ million copies in hardback, been translated into 13 different languages and appeared on the best-seller list in every country it has been printed, the most bought and least read bok of our time. Just over a year ago, fashion consultant. Nigel French and his assistant, Pauline Deppe, bought the merchandising rights of Country Diary and, after just one full year of licensing and trading, Edith Holden's poppies and cornflowers are ablaze on more than three hundred items, from 32p postcards to £3,000 kitchens - even the

Since a merchandising company normally takes between 5 and 10 per cent of the profit of everything sold and as the publisher and the author's estate (or whoever holds the rights to the book) stand to get around 50 per cent of that, you can see why publishing houses have been urging their editors to clear the attics and seek out granny's old flower paintings. Over at Century, a new house started 18 months ago by Anthony Cheetham and a small breakaway group from Macdonalds, they have been on the treasure

Nile as well as some fine granny paintings from a grand house in Gloucestershire. Nevertheless, Anthony Cheetham thought it might be cleverer to approach the problem from the oposite direction; to get the best text possible and then illustrate it. And Lark Rise is, as he says, one of the best books ever written about childhood.

He passed the project over to Julian Shuckburgh of Shuckburgh Reynolds, one of the small packaging houses which specialize in producing the sort of lavishly-illustrated books publishers can no longer cope with themselves, without a large, skilled staff. Shuckburgh, brought up in Oxfordshire and bred on Flora Thompson, jumped at the idea: "I saw at once how we could do it." He cut the 200,000 or so words Japanese have made her English in the book back to 90,000, leaving most of Flora's childhood intact - "It scared me to death to do it" - and called in designer Nicholas Inirkell who, in turn, brought in picture researcher Jenny de Gex. She hunted out old photographs, a superb collection of Victorian paintings (15,000 portfolios at £9.95 each, containing a set of these paintings used as illustrations in the book, have already sold out) and, toughest of all, managed to gather flowers in mid-winter for the pressed flowers that decorate each page

> of the book. While it's easy enough to see how Edith Holden's flora can be printed on sheets and cups and such, Lark Rise to Candleford is a book of words rather

were swept away by the machine age? How do you commercialize an era? The answer is in the presentation.

"My brief was a difficult but exciting one", says Nicholas Thirkell. "It was create another Country Diary best-seller'. Usually a publisher says: "Oh, we can only afford two-colour and we'll be doing a small run to start with . . . ' but here I was invited to go for broke.".

He chose the tactile appeal of oldfashioned cloth for the cover, made the inside look a little like a cottager's scrapbook and, trying to think of an idea that symbolized the countryside and had a good graphic look for the bookshops, came up with the country-man's red and white polka-dot scarf. "I put the whole thing together in about six weeks and it was an absolute labour

The finished book is a visual treat and, looking at it, one might almost say, as indeed the Lark Rise Merchandise Company brochure does: "What could be more natural than that this masterpiece should form the centrepiece of an extensive range of quality

Debenhams will launch Lark Rise in July, giving them a two-month lead on other retailers. Manufacturers are queueing up for the privilege of recreating furniture in harmony with the stone and thatch of Mrs Thompson's humble cottage, of making wholesome smocks in simple calico and drill, of preparing herbal cosmetics in the correctly "natural" way and turning out cakes and preserves to look and taste as though the villagers of Lark Rise had been up all night baking them. Debenhams are excited by the project: in the second half of 1984 they estimate the promotion should generate between £3m and £4m of turnover.

The first Lark Rise products will be unveiled at the Birmingham Gifts Fair in February and plans are well advanced for the US market.

This is only the beginning of the Lark Rise nostalgia industry. Next year Anthony Cheetham will be bringing out a series of children's books followed by a range of dolls - in which plucky little Laura surmounts all sorts of difficulties ("There were times when I thought, 'Oh, no, we can't do that,' "he says, "but then I decided we mustn't start treating Lark Rise with too much reverence. . .").

"Although she was a poor child I ope she can be made into a lovable doll," Desmond Preston says.

The money side is complicated. Oxford University Press, Flora Thompson's original publishers, who hold the rights (Century have bought the abridged illustrated rights only), get 50p of every book sold this year and a percentage increase next. They also get a small proportion of the merchandise profits (some of which they pass on to Flora Thompson's only surviving relative, a grand-daughter in Australia) and the right to veto anything of which they disapprove, from a biscuit tin to a bedspread. The Lark Rise Merchandise Company, who do all the work of exploiting the book, get 50 per cent of the merchandising royalties and Oxford University Press, Century, Shuckburgh Reynolds, and Nicholas Thirkell split the rest.

The same team of Cheetham Shuckburgh, Thirkell and de Gex are now at work on a companion volume to The Illustrated Lark Rise to Candleford. It is The Illustrated Cider with Rosie, so anyone who doesn't care to emulate the humble world of a poor Victorian hamlet should wait for a year or so when a mood may be created for living rather more prosperously, like Laurie Lee did a century later, in his moreover...
Miles Kington

# How to be an oracle

One of the hazards of the festive season is finding yourself talking to someone you don't like about something you can't understand - Uncle Harry, for instance or electronics, or the America's Cup. What you need is a short swift argument that will either stop the conversation stone dead, divert it entirely, or convince the other side you are a genius. Or a

Here are a few handy notions to cut out and memorize, listed by subject.

The Greenham Common Peace Women \*Of course, Ronald Reagan thinks that all peace movements are a help to he enemy, so he has decided to discredit them. And the way he's done this is to send a peace-keeping force to the Lebanon which does nothing but bomb and shell people. See what I mean? Sooner or later people will start associating the word peace with destruction and murder, as advertised by US Marines, and the Greenham Com-mon Peace Women will be discredited. Maybe they will even be shelled. Unless they've already got their own weapons. Do you think the Greenham Common ce Women are developing their own

independent deterrent?"

omputers

'I heard it from a friend who knows one of I heard it from a friend who knows one of the judges very well that this year, and every year for all I know, they deliberately chose the book they'd hated most. Yes, sounds odd, but apparently the idea is that they get fed up reading all those novels day in, day out, and they think it's very unfair that they should be the only ones to suffer. So what they do is nick out one novel that they found pick out one novel that they found particularly presome and give it the particularly mesonic and give it am prize, so that everyone else rushes out and buys it and goes through the same torture. Yes, apparently the one they really liked best never even got on the The Day After"

No, I didn't actually see the film. I don't like old horror movies. Nor do I have this American taste of horrifying yourself. The Americans absolutely adore being scared, you know - that's why Soviet Russia is such a godsend. But they also have Scares of the Year, a new flavour of scare, like herpes one year, AIDS the next, and the destruction of Kansas the next. Well, apparently the Russians have noticed this and they're now working on a new scare which is really going to scare the Americans. It's nuclear heroes. That's right. When the bomb finally goes off, it will give the Americans cold sores and ruin their sex lives."

Apparently this guy in a Scottish university did a survey on his home computer. He wanted to find out whether anyone, anywhere in Britain, had found a really valid and useful function for his home computer. You know how you read these brochures called The Million Things You Can Do With Your Hon Computer, but the only ones they ever mention are playing games and listing phone numbers? Well, this guy in Scotland was very worried that home computers would become the skateboards of the future - Every Home Has One In The Attic - so he was very anxious to discover the valid uses now. so that he could publicize them. So anyway he got all his data together and fed it into the computer, then asked it the vital question: 'Are there any useful functions for home computers?" The only example it could find was some not li Scotland doing a survey on the uses of home computers.'

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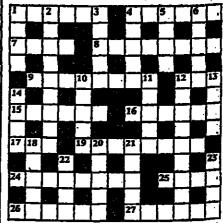
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Has it ever occurred to you that papers don't appear on big holidays, but the this doesn't give newspaper workers the day off, because they're in working on the next day's paper? The only day that newspaper workers get off is the day before a holiday. Well, they're fed to with this. They want a public holiday same as anyone. That's what this NGA

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"I wanted some Brechtian quality of detachment," says Slava Tsukerman, the director, talking in a crowded pub in Waterloo, surrounded by green spiky hair and the constant crunch of black leather. His own hair is rather odd, long ringlets flowing out of the neck and over his mackintosh. He is given to mirth generally which is just as well since he is a Russian Jew, born in Moscow in 1939, arrived in New York in 1976 with his Russian wife.

"These New Wave people I use are already extreme people who make a theatre of life," he says, "so when you film them it's like double theatre. My feeling is the more ambiguous the film, the better - including the comedy." His wife is in it too. She plays a fashion writer with cold, lesbian-

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So what is Russian humour like? "That's a good question. . . The British tradition of dry black humour is very like Russian humour. But Russians get year of his life, 1953, only ment clerks releasing certain

leaving Russia - for the visa I wait only one and a half months. It was good timing, Nixon's visit or something. Of course the moment you apply for the visa you are outlawed so you have to get it or your life is finished. I leave Russia for Israel on April 15, 1973 - Liquid Sky opened in the United States on April 15, 1983. Another piece of synchronicity: my Russian film career began with 20-minute short, I Believe in Spring, which won a prize at the Montreal Festival in 1962, although the authorities didn't tell me; I eventually read it somewhere in a magazine; and my American career begins with the prize for orginality at Montreal 1982."

Did he train as a filmmaker in Russia? "No. as a construction engineer." Then he registered as an amateur film-maker, an official position since you cannot buy raw film in Russian shops, and began making science documen-taries. "It's better now than in Stalin's times. In the last killed. But comparing it to Khrushchev's revolution, which was that short spring I once believed in, 1957-61,

But surely Tarkovsky, for example, can work abroad now. "Yes, this is new, When I left it was impossible to imagine that any director with a Russian passport could make a film outside Russia. Now two have done it - Tarkovsky and Koncha-lovsky. But the most talented Russian film-maker, Paradjanov, who made The Colour of Pomegranates - he's only just out of prison."

Does he think we have a good picture of life in Russia? Mirth. "I had breakfast this morning with some them said he thought the American press was just as controlled by the government as the Russian press. So the first thing I have to explain is that there is no press in Russia, just govern-

example, I expected very mush to be homesick. This is one of their big points. If you read books about Rachmaninov or Stravinsky, they say they suffered tremendously abroad from homesickness and never created anything after they left Russia. I knew this was propaganda, but still I was frightened, sitting in a small restaurant in Moscow a couple of days before I left, feeling really terrible like it's the last time I can ever hear Russian conversation. But in New York there are almost as many Russian restaurants as in Moscow."

Would he like to say something about life in Moscow? The only place you have crowds of people discussing modern poetry all through the night is Mos-cow." This appears to illustrate the principle that intellectual activity increases with physical repression. Exactly. They talk because they cannot do anything. If you do anything you go to

Presumably Liquid Sky cannot be shown in Russia? Oh, never. They are repressed about everything, including sex. All communist societies are very repressed sexually."

Liquid Sky is currently showing in London at the ICA Cinema and the Classic,

Duncan Fallowell

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hunt, too, and come up with six plastic The NGA than a diary of pictures, so how do you cash in on the description of the lives Ever since Rowena Stott came upon bags full of a meticulously detailed her great-aunt Edith's diary and diary of a Victorian journey up the of simple people before their traditions picturesque Cotswolds valley. Bad taste and good timing TAKE THE PLANE trouble is all about, apparently. Yes. This chap told me. He'd read Harold Evans's Liquid Sky, the latest inter-national hit movie in the things. But nobody believes propaganda any more in Russia, nobody believes in this perfect future society. Liquid Sky, with its weirdness category, is about aliens from outer space who oriental sense of colour and NON-STOP attach themselves to the bisexual world of New display, is a celebration of "But propaganda can still be powerful even when you don't believe it. For his own freedom: "I find decadence very good for York's New Wave / fashion / showing the problems of society." It is also his first heroin set. But the dominant performance is the baleful, glittering presence of New York as a physical structure, feature in the West, and by some fluke the first feature almost as a breathing elec-tronic organism. Manhattan ever made by a Russian emigré in the US. Eisenstein has never looked creepier, or tried and failed. Where did the money come from? also very funny, full of sick "A real-estate developer in humour, explosions of ob-Pennsylvania. Surprisingly scenity, video fun and easy, it turns out. Like my two films were made in dazzling sleaze. Russia because Stalin was editing them himself and if he didn't like it you were

FIRST PERSON

**David Hunt** 

I don't like

being taken

for a ride

# WEDNESDAY PAGE

### COMMENT

# **Exploiting** sadness

With Christmas nearly upon us, the senses are assailed by a rash of posters and appeals for help for the poor and needy. Each pathetic image jostles for priority. But is the cause cornetimes damaged as much by the sometimes damaged as much by the distorted stereotype as it is helped

by the money raised?
The Down's Children's Association knows well the dilemma of whether or not to exploit the pathetic in trying to pluck money from the heart strings. As an organization representing parents. professionals and Down's people themselves, the advertising men's advice has been questioned. But it is a tragedy that as hard as we struggle to present these children positively, picturing them in loving families or carrying on normal, everyday activities, others use them in lonely or helpless poses to raise money. The reason is clear: Down's children can be appealing and attractive, but at the same time are instantly recognizable by their "mongol" features. Sadly, with Down's Syndrome the commonest

form of mental handicap, they have come to epitomise all mental handicap. But this is to forget that while some Down's children are indeed profoundly handicapped, the majority are not, and some have abilities in the near normal range. None of this is conveyed in one of the award winning posters from the Royal Society for Mentally Handi-

capped Children and Adults. A pretty Down's girl stares out mourfully over the legend "Twenty children born on Christmas Day will always have a cross to bear". So successful was this that another poster used the same little girl accompanied by her mother. This time little Nina is smiling but the message is again negative, referring to her appearance in Crossroads:
"You can switch off Nina's problems. Her mother can't". We must however, commend Central Television's original decision, at the behest of Mencap, to write a mentally handicapped person into a peak-time soap opera in an effort to reduce predjudice and ignorance. Inevitably a Down's child was chosen. However, the script-writer, Arthur Schmidt, admits that Nina is capable of doing a lot more than was It is not only the money-seekers

who use the face of Down's Syndrome. The DHSS took full-page colour advertisements to advertise for mental nurses. A nurse with a saintly expression has a young Down's person clutched adoringly to each bosom: "You have to be someone special to get this kind of welcome at work". Take this and the Mencap posters together and as a by-product you might get the message: "It's hell at home but bliss in an institution."

policies of both organizations. Nowdays the majority of Down's children are loved and cherished by their own families, who are constantly suprised by their abilities, defying traditional medical opinion that their prospects are those of a

Down's families don't mind of advertising the need for help for the mentally handicapped, but let them also be the leaders of a new era of positive understanding.

Maggie Emslie The author is Director of the Down's



Advertising a wrong image?

Because Sophie couldn't get back from work in time, I was asked to do Rachel's hair for her first ball. She came upstairs in her dressing gown and sat at the cluttered desk I use as a dressing table. Could I make it look... well. different, she said, pushing at the thick corn-coloured bob. Scarlett had come to help in the way only younger sisters can way only younger sisters can, standing tremendously close to, and sometimes between, us both, and keeping up a steady flow of soothing

I twiddle away with heated rollers, hair driers, water sprays and round brushes. "How is it going to look?" asked Scarlett, rattling a can of spray-on mousse vigorously. "I don't know." I reply, truthfully, as the rollers come out and the backcombing begins. Rachel has brought up some blue and black ribbons to match her dress: we twist and tie them through her curls and fix it all with quantities of hair



"I'm supposed to be there at seven," she says politely, her eyes on the clock which shows 6.43pm. Blue mascara, just a touch, lavender eye shadow and some pink lipstick, I smudge the mascara. "You've smudge the mascara. "You've smudged it," breathes Scarlett, an

The Englishman's castle is vulner-

able in a number of ways, none more so than through that thin line

of communication with the outside

world, the telephone, it is bad

enough just to be interrupted as you

wallow in the bath. When the call is from one or other of the two

telephone menaces, the salesman or

the obscene caller, what a moment it

phone call boom. Official com-

plaints to British Telecom from England, Scotland and Wales rose

from about 80,000 in 1971 to 180,000 in 1980 (whereupon the

comprehensive figures went silent because of BT's devolution). And these are only the ones that are

reported: almost everyone I know

has suffered a harassing call of some

victims female. The callers rate low

significant even than the flasher.

although their methods can be quite

sophisticated. The titillation on their

part and the shock element on yours

comes from their advantage of

Surprise.

One case combined both "com-

mercial" and "obscene" techniques.

It began on a seemingly harmless

note. Sarah from Fulham had just

set up a business taking groups of students on tours abroad. One day

charming, respectable-sounding

man who said he had got her number from the classified section

of a newspaper. He was under a

deadline for some market research,

and could she possibly help him

out? Sarah agreed and answered his

take?" he asked, and "I do hope I

don't embarrass you, but could you

possibly tell me whether your bra fastens at the front or the back?"

And so he proceeded towards his

An hour later the phone rang

again. By this time Sarah had

recovered her cool, and was relieved

prospective dad, considering send-

ing his son Richard on the tour. "He

to find herself talking to

What size clothes do you

she received a call from

on the perversion chart,

The culprits are often male, the

We are in the midst of an obscene

Sarah Jane Checkland on the increasing menace

of the obscene phone call - and how to combat it

JOANNA LUMLEY'S DIARY

# Bringing on the dancing curls

Quick smear of cleansing lotion, a final tweak here and pluck there. "Il faut souffrir pour etre belle," I say. "She looks like Shirley Temple," mutters Scarlett and then, as the thunderclouds form "... but I like Shirley Temple,"

Rachel races downstairs to put on her dress and shoes, and gallops back up to show the final result. Slim as a reed in shimmering blue striped taffeta, blue spotted stocking and cleaner of celebraters. ings, pale skin and clouds of gold curls, Rachel is transformed into a rare beauty. As she patters off to the car, we lean on the banisters and sigh and smile and shake our heads. I can remember the day she was born, Scarlett will be next, I suppose, if we can only pin her down.
The trading at Spitalfields Market is

nearly over when we arrive, stiff-eyed and vawning at 7 am. Our breath hangs in the air as we stamp our feet on the frosty cobblestones: through the slippery stack of Christmas trees we see the small lights glimmering at the different stalls. Sam Levy leads us round, introducing us to the bosses. Would they be kind enough to send occasional packages of fruit and vegetables to the Refuge? To a

man they agree these generous gants of the market place.

We step gingerly round nets of sprouts and crates of avocados, stacks of green pineapples waiting to right projects and crates and crates of avocados. ripen, polatoes and onions, boxes of leeks and tangerines all fresh and gleaming and appetizing.

habits and her address.

answering machine.

such as: "Don't let any strangers in"

could be taken. This sentiment was

Yard, who said that as far as he was

It took British Telecom's Nuis-

cations Act 1981 a person shall be

means of a public telecommuni-

offensive or of an indecent, offen-

sive or menacing character or sends ... a message that he knows to

be false". The enforcement of this

law is in the hands of the police. So

far so good. But how can one prove

Some months ago I suffered the

snorts and guffaws of a "nuisance

caller" on a Saturday night. I rang British Telecom to ask the operator

if he could either trace or block these

calls. "No, sorry. There is nothing

we can do until Monday," was the reply. "Why don't you take the phone off the book?"

poison pen letters and the Post

spokesman said: "It's like

who the offender is?

are not against the law".



lunch ("This is my lunch" says a grinning lad, sitting on a crate of celery, munching a roll: he has been up since 2.30 am). We adjourn to a special pub where Sam gives us some traditional refreshment: toasted cheese sandwiches and black coffee with a sensible measure of whisky therein. By the time we get home, we are warm and sleepy and not fit for anything much but smiling. A rather close friend of mine opened

up a packet of dry roasted peanuts in a un foil pack. "Good Lord." he said sniffing and recling round the kitchen. "Greugh." I sniffed too. "Faugh." Wafting out from the silver slit came a fearsome aroma, a revenge of which any butler would be proud. The nuts rattled obediently into a dish and were extremely learning and 'appetizing. good: to keep them tasting so
It is nearly nine and high time for delicious it seems they must be

stored in a gas to shame a stink bomb. How awful if someone were to open them behind a frightful bore at a party and tiptoe off, leaving him to explain away the deadly whiff.

I couldn't get a taxi so I reluctantly drove my car to the Lichfield lunch. Having arrived, the only course of action was to leave the machine safely but illegally parked. Inside the Tai-Pan, all was meeting and eating and laughter, outside it was the Denver Boot for the spivmobile. The saga involved buses and underground trains, long echoing subways, past buskers and the inflated King Kong and a duration of several

The police couldn't have been kinder: the fact remains that the car clung rigidly to her unlawful perch for half a day, what with one thing and another, which seems to me to be a strange way to sort out traffic

I found a packet of dried peas in the larder which had been there for 15 years. Being my mother's daughter, I incorporated them into a vegetable soup I was making. The instructions were complicated: "Empty peas into a bowi... submerge in boiling water ... insert two tablets into muslin bag and stir until dissolved . . . leave overnight - stir . . . " and so on. A day later, I had some large chalky grey peas ready to cook.

Into the pot they went with all the other ingredients and on to a low flame: after an hour, I pecked under

the lid and saw that they had shed their skins, which now covered the surface of the soup completely like ghastly transparent puffbulls. I also have a tin of drinking chocolate which is marked 2s. ld. I made some the other night which we drank in silence. I love thrift.



In the city square in Leeds the Black prince, bracing himself in his stirrups and reigning in his stamping warhorse, points with approval at the Christmas tree, garlanded with lights and tinsel. He reminds me of the statues in Vienna: crowding along the roofs of the palaces, swinging their legs, pointing, advising, leaning over doors and staggering under the weight of buildings. Sometimes they fight furiously at street corners, sometimes stroll with arms on each other's shoulders or play violins.

In the gardens of the Schonbrunn Palace, a woman bathes her tiny baby in a circular pool. In the slanting winter sunlight, the icicles harden on her bare arms and the child wriggles in the freezing black water. Statues made nowadays are rather plonking, chaps just standing about; the exception is Jan Smuts who comes into his own in the winter weather when he skates solemnly

nothing better than an exchange of insults. Do not give the caller the satisfaction; simply hang up".

Telephone marketing, or "junk

selling" as it is called in the United

States, is nothing like as sinister as the obscene call, and nothing like as

prevalent. In a recent survey by the

Department of Fair Trading, it was

discovered that out of a cross-sec-

tion of 1,500 telephone owners, only

21 per cent had ever received such

Although the telephone salesmen

may be insidious or forceful, he can only be categorized as an irritation rather than a threat. He is trying to

get at your money rather than at

you, and judging by some of his methods (like shouting "Sale! Sale!

Sale!" at the relevant moment), he will "burn himself out" within a

matter of months. Most of his calls

are business to business, and thus do

West Germany). Banning, however,

would contradict Britain's legal

position regarding privacy, namely

that there is no right to privacy and

that therefore there can be no invasion of privacy. The survey goes

not intrude into the home.

In these days of self-help, independence and iso-lation, disabled people are doing more and more for themselves with the help of "aids". An aid is, basically, something that reaches parts other devices cannot reach. This can mean anything from elasticated laces for converting your shoes into slip-ons to a car with drive-on access for a At the recent Naidex exhibition in London they were all there wheelchairs, walking frames, elec-tronic sensors, kitchen gadgets, even British Telecom. There were 20 different ways of getting in or out of the bath and on or off the lavatory,

> before your very eyes, and an arrangement of monolithic high-rise chairs that looked like furniture from a giant's living-room. In the busy hustle of social workers, sales reps and occupational therapists it was still possible to spot the disabled, not especially by their handicaps. We were the ones clustered around the stands like

electric beds bending and flexing

children outside a sweetshop. I would have liked one of the easy-to-operate, eye-level ovens on display. I have not used my own gascooker oven for more than a year now as it is too awkward to bend down to. However, I cannot afford the £500 needed to buy the special one. Like most disabled people, I am

Should I approach my local authority? Under the law, it is their responsibility to provide aids. The Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act, however, only obliges them; it doesn't force them. I am alright if what is involved is a simple lid-opener or kettle-holder, but anything costly and there will have to be assessment and discussion in high places.

I do not really blame the local Authorities, especially mine, for the situation. They have the unenviable task of deciding between serious wants and great needs on an everdiminishing budget.

There is, though, one area of the aids business in which I would dearly like to see a big shake-up. Ask any disabled person what he or she wants most and nine times out of ten the answer will be mobility. In my own bid for freedom, I

decided to get a "power chair".

These are not supplied by any outside agency, but I knew I could buy one on hire-purchase by using my precious social security mobility allowance through a scheme called The survey found that at least half Motability I chose a mid-range model that is basically a box. In it, I proceed along the pavement at up to wanted unsolicited calls to be 4mph, very bumpily and with no banned by law (as in Denmark and weather protection. If I feel brave enough I will take on a kerb up to 5in high using my "kerb-climbers", and I must be even braver to reverse over a similar kerb, especially on to a busy road. I have no lights, horn or even anything to carry shopping

Indoors, the walls of my hall bear witness to the lack of controllability caused by front castor wheels. And, when at last I have manoeuvred my chair into the correct position for recharging, I have to grope, almost at floor level with two complicated seven-pin plugs. What will I end up paying for my power chair? No less than £1,500 (plus £20 for insurance)! I also inquired about a foam seatcushion, but they cost £85 so I am making do with a "non-aids" one!

racing driver Graham Hill and Lord Snowdon over the lethal blue Ministry "trikes"? Now we need a champion to tackle the power chair companies. Otherwise their captive market will go on being admitted to me discreetly but with brutal candour.



repeated by a spokesman at Scotland Office, we are just the carriers . . . aware, "even obscene phone calls but as a social service we have some obligation to help". The spokesman, courteous in the extreme, would not Callers information leaflet to explain exactly what facilities were get the facts straight. Under Section 49 of the British Telecommuniavailable for blocking and tracing for security reasons". Instead BT recommends that subscribers report guilty of an offence "who sends by their problem to the local customer services manager. When asked cations service...a message or other matter which is grossly

> I rang Plessey, makers of telephone systems, to find out what provisions they can offer. They said that to trace calls even with their latest equipment it will still be necessary to notify the exchange. There would be the opportunity to put the call on "hold", but as soon as you do that the offender would probably ring off.

whether he is on duty 24 hours a

day, their answer is "Well, no".

At present, successful tracing of calls depends on a number of factors. First, there would have to be more than one of you present and you would have to have two phones. One of you must suffer the not-sosweet nothings coming down the

line while the other rings the exchange for help. It might take up to 20 minutes, and the culprit's line would only be successfully traced it he or she was on the same exchange.

Henry Scope, a lawyer working in Gracechurch Street, London conducted this experiment some months ago with that rare bird, the female obscene phone caller. She was not on the same exchange, and therefore has not been traced. I turned for advice to two groups

who make unhappiness and unsolicited phone calls their business.

Jean Burt at the Samaritans says:

"Most who ring are scared stiff of women. Women don't understand this and get very frightened. Some of the people who ring us with sexual calls are very helpable".

The method of dealing with dirty callers recommended by the British Telecom leaflet is probably the most sensible. "Hang up gently, showing no emotion. Many such callers hope for an emotional reaction and long conversations as they would like on to show that after having received calls of this kind, only 42 per cent still wanted the ban. To protect the consumer, the Department of Fair Trading has drawn up a gentlemanly set of guidelines for the salesman. They

include the following: the purpose of the call should be made clear at the outset: companies should make efforts to remove a name from a contact list if requested; there should be a cooling-off period during which the consumer can cancel an agreement. This is echoed in a list compiled by the British Direct Marketing Association.

In the case of unsolicited advertisments through the letterbox, the Department of Fair Trading in conjunction with the Post Office has taken more specific steps. Apply to NPS Freepost 22, London 1E 7E1 for an application form, and you can then specify exactly what sorts of advertising material you do and do not want.

Remember the great campaign by

'They've got you where they want you, haven't they? You either buy one or stay indoors."

Good resolutions for Christmas. Eat the fruit before is shrivels. Crack the nuts before they rattle in their shells, and do some-thing with the stem ginger before it cements itself stickily

Solve that high-class savoury problem of what to do with the last of the caviare by serving it with eggs of another feather, or buy the stuff specially for a sumptuous little dish that is just the thing for a Christmas brunch or dainty supper. Beluga may be best, but in this guise the outsize red-gold orbs of salmon roe caviare at a quarter the price are highly rec-

Set shelled, soft-boiled quails' eggs on a bed of creamy scrambled egg and top with a spoonful of caviare. Then, depending on the mood and the occasion, eat them with buttery toast soldiers, triangular croutons of crisply-fried bread, or thinly-sliced brown bread and

12 quall eggs

Salt and freshly-ground black

45 to 55g (11/2 to 20z) butter 4 to 6 tablespoons double cream 45 to 55g (11/2 to 20z) caviare

Put the quaits' eggs in a pan of cold, salted water. Bring to the boil and cook the eggs for one minute only. Plunge them briefly into cold water to stop the cooking process. Shell the eggs and keep them warm in a bowl of water that is not too hot to hold your hand in.

pornographic punchline.

Break the hens' eggs into another bowl. Season them generously with salt and freshlyground black pepper and beat them lightly. Melt the butter in a small, heavy pan and when it froths add the eggs. Stir them on a low heat until they are almost set, then stir in the cream. Taste to check seasoning.

Divide the scrambled egg between four small warmed plates. Arrange three quails' eggs on each serving and top with a teaspoon of caviare. Serve immediately with croutons, toast or bread

It is curious how reluctant many people are to peel fruit for themselves and how much they enjoy eating it when the work is for them. In the case of what are called in the trade soft citrus fruits - the tangerines, clementines and new cross-breeds - peeling is especially easy, and the quality, at this time of year, is high. Serve the seedless varieties peeled and thinly sliced with a festive splash of orange liqueur. Or cover individual segments in a brittle coat of caramel to eat as petits fours or sweets. Grapes can be given the same treatment, but both must be eaten within a few hours of coating because the caramel melts quickly in high humidity.

Caramel-coated clementines Makes about 48 pieces 6 medium seedless clementines

450 g (1 lb) granulated sugar

# Make the most of goodies

150 ml (1/4 pint) water A little oil

Peel the fruit carefully with-out breaking the skin of each segment. Remove any pith and arrange the segments on a wire drying-rack with a little space between each piece. Leave in a warm, airy place for an hour or so - allowing the fruit to dry a little helps the caramel to stick

Put the sugar and water in a heavy-based pan and heat slowly until the sugar has dissolved completely. Raise the stirring it until it is a pale golden colour. Once the sugar turns to caramel it darkens very quickly and develops a bitter taste, so watch it carefully.

Have ready a bowl of hot water that the pan of caramel can stand in. And as soon as the caramel is ready, take the pan off the heat and stand it in the water. This will stop it cooking further and keep it liquid.

Using tongs or a couple of forks (sugar tongs work well) pick up the segments one at a time without piercing the skin and dip into the caramel. Set each coated segment on to a well-oiled plate or tray and

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leave to cool. The sugar coating will be set hard. Stem ginger in thick syrup

tastes hot and mellow in the ame breath. Addicts eat it on its own or with cream or ice cream, an overpoweringly rich combination for everyone else. But drained of its syrup and finely chopped, a little stem ginger mixed with whipped cream is an interesting filling for brandy snaps. It is also excellent in the topping for this unusually-flavoured apple crumble. The ground coriander adds another warm, aromatic

ple and ginger crumble Serves lour

450 g († lb) peeled and sliced cooking apples 55 g (2 oz) demerara sugar 1 teaspoon ground corlander

110 g (4 oz) wholewheat flour

55 g (2oz) butter 55 g (2 oz) demerara sugar 55 g (2 oz) stem ginger, chopped 1 teaspoon ground coriander

Put the apples in an oven-proof dish. Mix the sugar and ground coriander and sprinkle the mixture over the fruit. Sift the flour into a bowl and add the butter cut in dice. Using your fingertips, rub the butter into the flour until the mixture resembles coarse breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar, ginger and ground coriander.

Spoon this topping over the apples and bake the crumble in a preheated moderately hot oven (190°C/375°F, gas mark 5) for 30 to 40 minutes, or until the apples are cooked and the topping is lightly browned. The exact time will vary with the size of the dish.

A hazelnut cheesecake is a versatile standby for Christmas entertaining. It freezes well and be served as cake pudding. pudding. A word of warning though. Don't be tempted to make it with very low-fat soft white cheese; the result will be wet and grainy.

Hazebut cheesecake Serves 10 to 12 55g (2oz) butter

2 tablespoons demerara sugar 225g (8oz) digestive biscuit crumbs 225g (8oz) shelled hazelnuts

1 teaspoon vanilla essence 225g (8oz) soft brown or caster

55g (2oz) chocolate, coarsely grated (optional)

Choose a deep-sided, 20cm loose bottom, and butter it well If the tin has a fixed base, line it with baking parchment or greaseproof paper. Melt the remaining butter and mix it with the sugar and biscuit crumbs. Spread the mixture over the base of the prepared tin and spread it flat. Spread the nuts on a shallow tray and bake in a preheated moderate oven (160°C/320°F,

gas mark 3) for 10 to 15 minutes. Allow them to cool, then rub off the skins and grind the nuts finely. A coffee grinder will do this.

Put the cream cheese into large bowl and beat until smooth. Beat in the vanilla, sugar, eggs and ground nuts. Pour the mixture into the tin and bake in a preheated moderate oven (160°C/320°F, gas mark 3) for about 1½ hours. The cheesecake will puff up in the oven and when ready it is just firm and lightly browned. It will sink as it cools.

and chill it for 12 hours before running a knife round the edge and turning it out. Decorate the sides with coarsely-grated chocolate pressed on to the cake.

Tomorrow Spectrum: Profile of Roald Dahl

Anyone who's too mean to serve Smirnoff will realise just how wasteful fairy lights are.



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### Burning ambition

In April, at Wimbledon magistrates court, Dr Brian Davies was fined £1,000 with £200 costs for illegally receiving social security benefits amounting to £11.470.48. Dr Davies, a metallurgist, said: "I did it to expose inefficiencies in the DHSS", and personally reported the fraud to Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary. Now he wants to know why the DHSS seems reluctant to sue him for the return of the money. Dr Davies has told Fowler and the DPP that if he is

### Action makes the heart grow stronger



denied his "day in court", he will burn down one of the department's buildings. In February, the same Dr Davies threatened to burn down five branches of the Midland Bank but was found not guilty under the terms of the Criminal Damage Act. Most fittingly, he is the male model in a health education coucil poster which carries the slogan, "Action makes the heart grow stronger."

### Crystal clear

What used to be the London Council on Alcoholism yesterday took on a name rather harder to swallow: the Greater London Alcohol Advisory Service, which can be neatly abbreviated to Glaas. The council's annual report is not very cheery reading, and refers at one point to a time "when our spirits and finances were particularly

### Weighting game

Revelations about the earning powers of video-tape editors at London Weekend Television reminds me of a joke told by Granada's Gus Macdonald at this year's Edinburgh International Television Festival: What's the difference between an Arab oil sheik and a videotape editor at LWT? Answer: Arab oil sheiks don't get London weighting.

### False witness

Last week's QED programme on BBC1 showed a specially staged mugging scene which lasted 14 seconds. Viewers then saw an identity parade of nine men and were asked to telephone the programme to say whether they recognized the mugger. Of more than 1,800 people who rang. 1,300 chose the wrong man, making the odds two to one against an accurate identification. Tonight's QED programme asks what makes witnesses



"Your jokes are great, but you'll have to improve your handicap "

Corps Domestique Gin slings and ironed newspapers brought out to the verandah by silently gliding houseboys are no part of today's diplomatic life. Foreign office memorandum on

diplomats' accommodation states: "At most posts nowadays the cost of extra servants is the biggest item, so we must be able to extract full value when we have to pay them." The design of diplomats' housing would also take into account "environmental considerations, the need to hold down domestic fuel consumption and the gradual disappearance of servants, leaving officers and their wives to cope with more of the domestic chores."

 Readers planning flying Christ-mas visits to friends and relations abroad should take Sellotape, ribbon and wrapping paper. The British Airports Authority warms that gifts already wrapped "may have to be opened" and advises passengers to wrap on arrival.

### Bible thumping

The Authorized Version of the Bible, otherwise known as the King James Version, is being promoted for the first time by its four publishers, the Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Collins and Eyre and Spottiswoode. The purpose of next year's £12,000 campaign is to bring "this most poetic version of the Bible to the attention of the public," says Alec Watson of Collins. He will certainly have support from Julian Critchley who demigrated the New English Bible in an article entitled My Thirteen Worst Books, in this week's Sunday Times. He wrote: It reduces to banality what was not only treasured and venerable but has become part of the English mind."

# Your turn to back off, Mr King

The General Council's decision last week in refusing to commit the trade union movement to support unions openly defying the law was a turning point for the TUC. There never has been any doubt that the overwhelming majority of those affiliated to the TUC would not support actions designed to undermine the supremacy of

Parliament and the law. Some union leaders say they will organize the overthrow of that decision at next year's Trades Union Congress. It remains to be seen if they will succeed. If they do I think there will be a real, not imaginary, danger of

the TUC splitting irrecoverably.

However, that decision is for the future. What is certain is that last week's decision has changed the climate in which the TUC operates. It has done so to the advantage of the TUC, pulling it back in the main stream of British political life.

As a consequence the pressure is now on the Government to abandon its own ideological preconceptions about trades unions and demonstrate its good faith in its: expressed desire for a genuine dialogue with the Congress.

Mr Tom King, the Employment Secretary can start the process by showing a willingness to consider serious amendments to the Trade Union Bill. There is, of course, the question of the political levy but that is already under discussion between Mr King and the TUC. However, other equally important issues have not been discussed. Part One of the Bill contains the provision that union's principal executive committees must be elected by direct postal ballot of the entire membership.

### by John Lyons

Apart from the fact that this would create havoc in many unions with perfectly good arrangements of their own, it suffers from three principal defects.

First, it is a dangerous precedent for the Government to set about determining by law how the internal affairs of voluntary associations should be organized. Second, in most unions the principal executive committees are responsible to periodic conferences and can be dismissed by them. When that is no longer the case, the Government's measure will leave the membership of a union without any formal means of enforcing a change in its committee's

Third, the Government is contravening the principles which it set out earlier this year in its own Green Paper. Democracy in Trade Unions. Paragraph 18 said: "The Government is conscious that any legislation must take into account the wide variety and complexity of existing electoral arrangements". Later, paragraph 54 said, The Government's prime aim ... is to encourage trade unions... to reform their electoral arrangements so as to become . . .

more democratic and more truly representative of their members' interests". It is not to be expected that the Government will withdraw Part One. But it could conform with its Green Paper principles if it were amended to allow the membership of each union to choose by ballot between its existing election arrangements, and methods of changing them, and those the Govern-ment prefers. That would ensure that the Government's methods would have to be considered but the final decision would be taken by the membership.

There are other amendments the Government should consider. For example, the Bill defines a strike as anything that involves a person breaking his contract of employment or interfering with his performance. Any such acts authorized by a trade union will have to be authorized by ballot. The expression of a workers' grievance by extending the tea break would need a ballot. It is absurd.

Then there is the requirement that any union given authority to take strike action must do so within a month. This could actually worsen disputes: unions will be forced to use their mandate at the end of four weeks when, perhaps, a fifth week of negotiations would avert the need.

Mr King could also take the opportunity to right the manifest injustice of the High Court's decision in the Dimbleby case, a result of which is that an employer can vitiate lawful industrial action simply by registering his company under another

But whatever the details, the important point is that last Wednesday's decision was a watershed and the Government should now meet the TUC at least halfway. If it does not do so, then for the first time since 1979 the Government will find itself put on the defensive. politically, in its handling of trade union issues. Much will flow from that. The author is General Secretary of the Engineers and Managers' Association

### David Watts on the election blow to Japanese-western relations

# The bribe that swamped Ron and Yasu

Singapore
Only five weeks after President
Reagan's visit to Tokyo, hopes of a
closer relationship between Japan and the West have been damaged, perhaps irreparably for the foresee-able future, by Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone's setback at the polls.

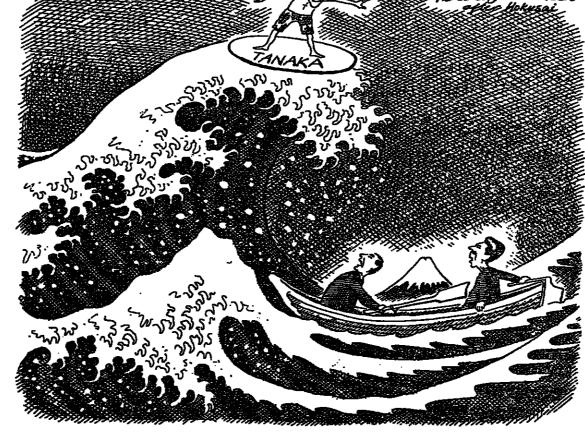
The prime minister was forced to call the election in the wake of the conviction of his predecessor, Mr Kakuei Tanaka, for accepting a \$2m bribe from Lockheed. For the West, it could prove one of the most expensive bribes in history.

More than any other postwar prime minister, Mr Nakasone's vision of Japan's role in the world coincides almost exactly with western expectations: a Japan more assertive in foreign and military affairs, more responsive to trade problems and more willing to integrate itself into the western world in the truest sense. No other senior Jananese politician is as pro-

During their talks - in which they were soon on "Ron" and "Yasu" terms - Mr Reagan and Mr Nakasone reached a whole series of understandings. The visit was marked by genuine warmth, at least on the international plane. Ironically the understandings were kept under wraps by the Americans for fear that they might jeopardize Mr Nakasone's chances during the elections. In the event, he might have been able to distract some attention away from the damaging ethics-in-politics issue which contributed so much to the Liberal Democratic Party's reversal if he had played up his

international standing.

With a solid election victory behind him, Mr Nakasone had planned to increase Japanese defence spending and defence cooperation with the US, particularly by undertaking more reconnaissance flights over the Pacific. He had also planned to open up the Japanese



market to greater imports of American beef and citrus fruit. More importantly, he intended to shake up the Japanese capital markets and internationalize the yen to help reduce the disparity between the yeu and the dollar, which the US feels is contributing heavily to the trade

Foreign affairs did not play a significant part in the campaign, but the image of Mr Nakasone as worldclass statesman holding his own with Mr Reagan was expected to wash over domestic issues. In the event, factional fighting

over the Tanaka issue so divided the LDP that in many cases the party split its own vote by failure to liaise with members of other LDP factions competing in the same constituency. The party squandered its resources by fielding 339 candidates for the 270 seats it hoped to capture.

Even in the best of all possible worlds, what Mr Nakasone had promised Mr Reagan would have been difficult to deliver. But now the

glacial progress towards the liberalization of Japanese markets will defence spending he might have won a good measure of public support.

One of his advisers thinks he might support for concessions to foreign even have got public support for allowing the British carrier Invincible into a Japanese port after it was barred from Australia

There is a growing feeling that he should have tried to capitalize on issues in which he believes strongly; in the event he went on the offensive and allowed the initiative to pass to the opposition.

So, far from being in a position to make good his promises to Mr Reagan, Mr Nakasone now finds himself with a tiny majority fighting for his political survival. Today there is no margin of support left over for the exotica of foreign policy.

Though he is likely to survive the initial hurdle of confirmation as prime minister before an early session of the Diet, even the less

policy will mean that he has to bargain with the opposition to get become even slower. If Mr Naka-sone had made an issue of greater his government's legislation passed. Issues throughout the next year

countries on trade or anything else. 'l am very much afraid about the future of the Japanese-American mlationship", said a leading Japanese commentator.

One American diplomat said the much-vaunted "agenda for pro-gress" initiated during the Reagan visit would now enter a tricky stage.

Mr Nakasone will most probably be able to muddle along until the next election for the presidency of the Liberal Democratic Party next November. It is possible that he will be reelected, but few think this is

The probable outcome will be the accession of a new prime minister who will have to be much more cautious than Mr Nakasone on all issues on which the West has been

# After Harrods, a ray of light from Dublin

While British television viewers looked in horror at the human devastation caused by the IRA bomb outside Harrods and listened to the ensuing condemnation from all quarters, seasoned observers of political reaction in Britain noticed one remarkable difference from previous incidents of this kind.

Dramatically absent on this occasion have been the ritual denunciations of the Irish government's alleged ambivalence about IRA violence, the accusations that the Irish Republic is a haven for terrorists. On the contrary, much coverage was given to the fact that the day before the Harrods bomb an lrish soldier and a young police cadet had been killed while securing the rescue of an English business-man from the IRA.

When Don Tidey, the chain stores executive, was restored to his family last Friday after a three-week ordeal, Mrs Thatcher's telegram congratu-lating Garret FitzGerald was fulsome in its praise of the Irish security forces. One official re-marked that they half expected her to appear in battle dress in Co Leitrim to deliver her message in Derson.

It is natural that the Harrods bomb should have had a much greater impact on the British public because it happened on the streets of London a week before Chistmas. But politicians on both sides of the Irish Sea know it is only the latest incident in a bloody spiral of violence that has been gathering momentum over the past weeks.

This started in earnest in mid-November when IRA gunmen burst into a Pentecostal church hall in Darkly, South Armagh, and opened fire on the defenceless congregation. Since then there has been the murder of a prominent Unionist politician, a spate of sectarian killings, the Tidey kidnap and



several members of the Ulster Defence Regiment and the Royal Ulster Constabulary arraigned on murder charges.

The Darkly killings happened less than three weeks after Dr FitzGerald had met Mrs Thatcher at Chequers, the first Anglo-Irish summit meeting since relations were frozen at the time of the Falklands conflict. British officials concede that Dr FitzGerald was remarkably effective at that meeting. He impressed on the Prime Minister his concern about the political growth of Provisional Sinn Fein and the alienation of the Catholic community in Northern Ireland. He argued that the British took neither of these developments sufficiently seriously and did not comprehend the very real threat of the violence spreading to the Republic and even to Britain itself. British sources have since said they believe the Irish Premier did counsel Mrs Thatcher that Northern Ireland was an issue of the most urgent

But there is another reason why Dr FitzGerald may have impressed

importance

Mrs Thatcher. The government he leads is implacably opposed to the Provisionals, whether in the political guise of Sinn Fein or the violent one of the IRA. Since he came to power accusations about being "soft" on the Provos have been directed from Dublin to London rather than the other way round. Irish politicians have been augry that British officials and even ministers in Belfast have been prepared to deal with Provisional Sinn Fein on constituency matters. They suspect that the British see Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, 2s one of a long line of terrorists stretching from Jomo Kenyatta to Robert Mugabe, with whom they have, in the end, been prepared to talk.

This week the Irish government is likely to be pressing much harder than the British towards finally proscribing Sinn Fein. Even the Fianna Fail leader, Charles Haughey, usually depicted in Britian as an arch-Republican, has said that he will back the government in any measures it thinks necessary.

What both London and Dublin want in the short term is much

closer cooperation on security, particularly in the border areas. It has long been on the cards that when the New Ireland Forum reports next spring it will include proposals for a joint security force, involving the armies and police forces of the Republic and Britain. Another idea being canvassed is for a joint court in which judges from both sides of the border could sit together to try terrorist offences. In the past the problem with such

radical security proposals has always

been seen to be the political difficulties they would present to both sides. Northern Unionists and many members of the Conservative Party would regard the involvement of the Irish army and police in operations on the northern side of the border as a de facto diminution of Britain's sovereignty in the province. They fear that other political initiatives strengthening Northern Ireland's links with the Republic would inevitably follow. On the Irish side, many politicians who wanted to play the green card could raise the spectre of British soldiers patrolling in border towns like Dundalk. There has also been anxiety about how Irish public opinion might react if their soldiers and policemen were shot by the

Such objections may carry much less weight now. Irish soldiers and policemen have been killed by Republican gunmen and others could be. The killing in the North shows no sign of abating. Families doing their Christmas shopping in London are now at risk. If there is any light it is that, perhaps for the first time, the bloodshed which has its roots in the politics of Northern Ireland seems likely to bring the British and Irish governments closer in seeking a common solution.

### Phillip Whitehead

# Reuters: taking too much on trust?

select group of lucky newspaper proprietors. They will have to wait a little longer for the public flotation of Reuters, from which some of them expect to make vast windfall profits. The problem with this present is the wrapping, for it was designed to stop Reuters ever becoming anyone's bran tub. The wrapping is the Agreement of Trust, by which the owners of Reuters bound themsleves in 1941 to regard their holdings as "in the nature of a

trust rather than as an investment". Reverse that proposition, and you understand why expectations will be rising in the spring of 1984, as the glittering present is unwrapped. Because of the large profits earned by its business-information service. Reuters might be worth £1,000m if it were floated as a public company on the stock market.

The owners have seen their

companies revalued upwards this year in anticipation of such a bonanza. The two biggest Reuters shareholders. Lord Rothermere's Associated Newspapers and Lord Matthews' Fleet Holdings, each has more than 12 per cent of Reuters. News International has 9 per cent, Reed International 7.9 per cent, and so on down. On a billion-pound float, without strings, Lords Rothermere and Matthews could clear £120m each, Mr Murdoch £90m and Reed International £79m. The latter group is floating off Mirror Group Newspapers, on the buoyancy which comes from its expected share of the Reuters spoils.

This could prove in itself to be a cruel blow to the diversity of a free press in Britain. The Mirror Group papers have, not uncritically, given general support to the Labour opposition. That has sometimes meant a courageous editorial line, against the grain of the tabloid-fed majority opinion of the day. It is hard to see how that line can be held. once Mirror Group News-papers is floated as a public company, obliged to act in the best interests of its shareholders whoever they are.

The Opposition has been pretty mute about the Daily Mirror. It should examine the wider issues behind the sale, which will lead it to the reason why it is happening at all: the Reuters bazaar. The issues are the same, whether we are safeguarding the expression of a viewpoint or the integrity of impartial coverage. Both are needed in the diversity of the press; neither can be guaranteed by the impulses and spasms of the money markets. So Parliament look at the assumptions behind the Reuters sale, and the likely consequences. Reuters says that "a public issue would raise money for the further development of the company, as well as funds for its controlling shareholders". But which aim came first?

The present owners of Reuters have discovered that its Monitor system of international business information has been a tearaway success. Over the past 10 years it has expanded to account for 90 per cent of the business, with accelerating profitability. Last year Reuters paid a dividend, worth in all £2.5m, and allowed a selected handful of senior staff to buy shares. This profits are expected to top £50m. So do Reuters' owners see a pressing need to go to the capital market for investment funds, or for easy profits for themselves? Before they are allowed to amend the Agreement of Trust, which their predecessors signed in 1941, might we not examine the position of trustees like Lord Matthews, who are both proponents of the flotation and principal prospective beneficiaries.

The Agreement is an extraordinary document. Its provisions are widely known, thanks to a campaign of filial fervour by Alexander Chancellor in The Spectator, who has made a single-handed attempt to finger Lord Matthews and his fellow trustees. The Trust was cobbled together in 1941, after a barrage of parliamentary criticism of the way in which the national proprietors had bought a half interest in Reuters. Samuel Storey, then chairman of Reuters, wanted "a trust which would be representative of national interests and of Reuters spheres of action, and would hold the shares and the income arising therefrom for the maintenance of Reuters as an independent British-

owned news-agency."

The new owners signed the Agreement among themselves. It was to terminate only on liqui-dation, on a stock transfer "submitted to and approved by the Lord Chancellor of England," and otherwise 21 years after the death of the last surviving descendant of Queen Victoria alive in 1941! It set out a simple definition of independence and integrity, and defined the shareholdings as a trust rather than an investment. We are now told that this Trust is bust. It is a mere shareholders agreement.

The Attorney-General disclaims responsibility for it; no charitable issues are involved. The Lord Chancellor has never heard of it. Lord Matthews need not wait until the twenty-fifth anniversary of the death of the Duke of Kent before he cashes in his stake.

Reuters has reacted with pained surprise to such public criticism as there has been. It has denied any intention to hive off the businessinformation services. But what guarantee have we that once accountable to a new ownership, greedy for pickings, Reuters will not scale down news services, not individually profitable, which are crucial to the flow of information in the small countries to which they are relayed? With asset-strippers at large in Fleet Street. Reuters journalists have been rightly nervous of their reputation for independence and impartiality. The management has responded as though they were the threat to the integrity of Reuters.

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Plainly, Parliament should act picking up Mr Storey's concept of an independent trust set out in 1941. It should do so before any prospectus is issued. The present trustees are hopelessly compromised. You cannot put forward a scheme, and be a beneficiary from it, when it fundamentally alters the agreement for which you stand trustee. The Lord Chief Justice should be asked to report on the Trust in the light of its proposed amendment. The Trust should be broadened, with members independent of the owners. It should be given a rewritten agreement, with guarantees on ownership which keep control within the national and local press institutions of Britain, Australia and New Zealand, the three countries concerned.

And if that makes Warburgs which can be sold to the financial institutions, will anyone be the poorer, except those who counted their windfall profits too early, and the dangers of what they proposed too late?

The author was Labour MP for Derby, North, 1970-83.

### David Walker

# The politicians who just don't rate

Pity the fate of junior minister William Waldegrave. He began 1983 at the Department of Education debating the future of universities and colleges, mingling with folk in gowns who spoke his All Souls' language. He ends it newly dragged from the sea of radioactive waste at Sellafield (one of his responsibilities at Environment) and put in charge of selling the rate-capping bill not only to reluctant councillors, but to a Parliament which even on the whips' optimistic arithmetic is astonishingly restive, and to a public which remains, as usual at the mention of municipal matters, largely indifferent.

When in doubt, it seems, send for a minister to coordinate the Government's message: Lord Whitelaw. Or set up a propaganda unit, as at Environment. Doubt there most certainly is.

In a speech last week we heard Mr Peter Rees, the Treasury Chief Secretary, saying in one breath that the overwhelming body of ratepayers are crying out for the relief offered by the rate-capping plan. In the next, straining to hear their sotto voce protests, he says wistfully: "I hope their case does not go by default." Meanwhile Mr Patrick Jenkin

attempts a media spin in the manner of Mr Michael Heseltine, but succeeds in leaving an impression of half-bakedness. The publication of the bill itself makes things little clearer. The Government's purposes appear confused: capping the rates of 15 councils will not necessarily cure the persistent problem of "overspending".

Mr Jenkin's colleagues give every sign of leaving him dangling in the breeze. When was the last time you heard Sir Keith Joseph say anything about capping rates? He, however, is responsible for the education budget, the largest element in local spending and without doubt the one area from which large cuts must come if rate-capping is to have any significant effect.

Mary Holland While the Government dithers, the well-oiled machine of municipal

protest moves into gear, Hackney may be poor and suffer grant cuts, but it can still afford a squad of professional public relations specialists. Grand claims of constitutional impropriety come from local government's captive academic friends. The municipal unions bluster, as well they might, for this bill will surely have failed unless within three years the rate of decline in council staffing is accelerating way beyond anything seen in the years from 1980-82, when jobs were last being reduced.
Yet for all the din, for all the

petitions displayed on library counters, for all the press releases, local government finance will remain an

esoteric pursuit.

The public has shown that it gets agitated when a school closes; when rates demands really hurt (that has happened only recently to middleclass residents of city areas); when, despite the signs displayed promi-nently on the side of council dustcarts about grammies, The dustman still comes knocking on the door to offer seasonal greetings with menaces. But when it comes to civic participation, to caring about what does happen in the town hall, to knowing who pulls the levers to make the municipal system work -

count me out. Take, of all boroughs. Camdenregularly in the news, with an excellent local paper, glamorous councillors. Here, surely, the people should know what is being done and spent in their name.

How many people. MORI asked recently, know the name of a single councillor who represents them? Answer, one person in five. How many even know which ward they ive in? Answer, 23 per cent.

In other words, the foundations of the local government system as a working model of democracy are shaky. Rate-capping raises import-ant issues of practice and principle. but beware "spokesmen" and ministers who claim to be speaking for a public that, until now, has basked in its silent ignorance of rates, of caps and who runs the town halls in its name.

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### PARISH PUMP IMPERIALISM

The Rates Bill is misnamed. Of course it would suit ministers to appear as white knights saving the householders of Barnsbury and the factory owners of South Yorkshire from councillors who have sadly abused the tax weapon given them by the traditional system of property rating. But unless the Government has given itself over to quixotry, its ambitions must surely be larger. The Government is relying on this Bill to secure two objectives that have consistently eluded it the control and reduction of local spending. Rates, let it not be forgotten, are only one element in the process of council spending; they are by no means an infallible guide to town hall excess. It is not rate levies but aggregate spending that, within no more than two years, will prove this contested piece of new

The theory of "rate capping" is deceptively simple. Pin the excess of spending, the unmanageability of the municipal system on the few easily-named Labour city councils; control their spending, a general problem is solved as other councils take heed. Yesterday's briefings made much of "shadow effects" and "fringe areas" by which councils outside the selective scheme suddenly would see reason. Yet here is where the Government's argument in the Bill runs into the sand. If

uniquely culpable, then what little list are endearingly termed need is there of demonstration effects? And unless the "high-spending" councils are responsible for exceeding the Treasury's targets year after year what is the argument behind the Government's wish for a general power to set the spending of each and every council in England and Wales?

In seeking to get the Labour-

controlled city authorities squarely in the sights of his selective scheme Mr Jenkin is asking Parliament for elastic powers, so extensible he might as well name his list of guilty councils now and save tedious committee discussion. But no, the Bill bends over itself to involve Parliament at various stages of naming councils and setting their spending. Mr Jenkin's schemes appear perfectly manageable if councillors cooperate in good faith. That is unlikely and the prospect is one of huge bargaining sessions involving civil servants, ministers and members of Parliament and stretching over several months. The Bill says there are to be 45 extra civil servants - at first; without a significant increase in the time devoted by central offices to the detail of local spending the Bill poses grave dangers of maladministration.

It also calls into question the consistency with which the Government is prepared to Islington, Hackney, Manchester and Newcastle upon Tyne are tackle the issue of local spending. the ari

under another departmental rubric partners": Hackney and Islington and the rest receive special money under the Inner Urban Areas Act. Rate-capping shoots a hole clean through inner cities policy for it really no longer makes much sense for more than £400 million to be pushed into special projects for precisely those areas from which Mr Jenkin hopes to save hundreds of millions. To make ratecapping work will involve not only his own officials speaking with a single voice. It will not do for the departmental ministers responsible for schools and social services and law and order to hold themselves aloof from the battles to come. Rate capping means cuts in departmental

For the long and short of ratecapping is jobs. The bulk of local spending pays for the employment of street-sweepers, professional "volunteers", teachers, nuclear-free-zone officers; the Rates Bill will succeed in its own terms if and when the manpower watch for local authorities resumes its downward movement. During the months of this bill's Parliamentary passage there will, and rightly, be talk of constitutions, the balance of power in the state, ministerial dictatorship. But if it passes, the focus will have to shift to a lower plain. Numbers of staff in town hall and school staff room will be the arithmetical test of its

### FROM ONE DEFEAT TO ANOTHER

widely felt that he had succeeded and in the end he was unable to in turning military defeat into moral and political victory. him. Then, in May this year, all Though easily overrun in South the long-stifled grievances Lebanon, his men had fought against his leadership within the with surprising tenacity in Beirut against overwhelming odds, and Israel, in her attempt to crush them, had used methods which earned her the almost unanimous obloquy of world opinion. The Palestinians sailed from Beirut with their heads held high, apparently certain that their movement would live on.

That illusion of victory has cost them dear, for it enabled them to avoid facing up to the consequences of what had in fact been a serious defeat. Mr Arafat himself seemed to realise that his only hope of capitalising the moral victory in Beirut was to make clear the PLO's willingness to accept a peaceful compromise settlement with Israel, to be achieved through the good offices of the United States. He even realised the importance of not turning down President Reagan's peace plan, in spite of the fact that it ignored the PLO and ruled out an independent Palestinian state, and he worked hard to achieve a common negotiating platform with King

carry his own supporters with movement boiled over in the mutiny in the Bekaa, which the Syrian regime, having grievances of its own, was quick to exploit.

Political gambits are subject to

a law of diminishing returns. The moral benefit which Mr Arafat got from resisting the Israelis in the streets of Beirut has hardly been revived by the repeat performance staged against Syrians and fellow-Palestinians in the streets of Tripoli. True, he has succeeded in putting his opponents in the wrong. But he himself emerged from Tripoli yesterday a diminished and tawdry figure.

Even the considerable propaganda coup which he achieved in extremis by negotiating the release of 4,500 Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners in exchange for six Israelis was spoilt when his group claimed responsibility for the murderous attack on a Jerusalem bus, which was disowned publicly even by some known PLO supporters on the West Bank. The subsequent for they have precious little left Husain of Jordan. But he lacked suggestion by his lieutenant, to lose.

When Mr Yassir Arafat left the moral stature to spell out the "Abu Jihad", that the civilian Beirut in August 1982 it was implications unambiguously, vehicle might have been hit "by mistake" is on a level with the IRA statement after the Harrods bomb. In both cases, the only encouragement to be drawn from it is that at least the authors of both statements now realize that indiscriminate attacks on civilians carry a high political cost. In the circumstances Israel's determination to deny Mr Arafat a comfortable departure from Tripoli is understandable, though by prolonging the end-game she will hardly have endeared herself to his increasingly unwilling hosts, the Lebanese.

Mr Arafat is now on his way to Tunis, but the expectation is that he will soon be back in Amman trying to pick up the threads of his dialogue with the King. That would be a wiser course than trying to restore the unity of the PLO, since the latter could now be achieved only on Syrian terms. It is not easy to believe now that Arab sovereignty will ever be restored on the West Bank, but the Reagan proposals are still formally on the table and Jordanians and Palestinians have yet to try the effect of a direct approach to Israel. They should now do so,

### PERILOUS VICTORY IN JAMAICA

Jamaica has a key role to play in President Reagan's attempts to revive both economic prosperity and American influence in the Caribbean. It is to be not only a reliable friend but also a model for neighbouring states, demonstrating that private enterprise brings better results than the state-controlled system promoted by Cuba. Mr Seaga, who became Prime Minister shortly after the election of President Reagan, has received massive economic help and political support from Washington.

Unfortunately his decision to call an early election has not brought him quite the type of endorsement he needs. Mr Michael Manley, leader of the People's National Party, ducked out, alleging unfair electoral rolls but probably also aware that in spite of severe economic difficulties Mr Seaga would still win. The result is that the country faces virtual one-party rule for the next five years, which Mr Seaga himself recognizes to be unsatisfactory. He has offered opposition and neutral poli-

Threat in El Salvador

Sir, In his letter of December 12 Sir

Alfred Sherman conveys the im-

pression that Nicaragua is fuelling

the guerilla action against the purportedly democratic regime in El

Salvador. Another report from David De Voss, in *Time* magazine

(December 12) based in San

Salvador, conflicts dramatically with

Salvador guerillas not only occupy

strongholds throughout the country

but for the past year have relied

almost totally upon captured US

weapons, not upon arms smuggled

in from Nicaragua, or from Cuba or

the Soviet Union. The Salvador Army, it seems, lacks the will to

Another important point that

should not be allowed to escape is

that Washington, even as it supplies

According to De Voss, the El

From Mr John Weatherill

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fight the guerillas.

ticians seats in the Senate but this will not make for healthy politics at a time when considerable adjustments are going to be required if Mr Seaga's programme is to be successful.

Mr Seaga led his right-wing Labour Party to power after the 1980 election dedicated to the task of reviving Jamaica's moribund economy. Poor world prices for bauxite and a sugar crop depleted by storms and lack of investment were among his problems - along with a \$1,600m foreign debt. He promised "deliverance".

It looked at first as if he might indeed deliver - and in one or two respects he has. The violence which saw 900 people shot dead in the 10 months preceding the 1980 election has given way to law and order, and tourism has picked up in consequence. He negotiated a large programme with the International Monetary Fund and began to get inflation down - to below five per cent at one stage. But the recovery has not been sustained.

cent, unemployment at 26 per cent and factories, far from participating in an industrial revolution, were working well below capacity. The foreign debt has risen to more than \$2,300m, generating a debt servicing requirement which absorbs most of the island's foreign exchange. A 43 per cent devaluation preceded the election. Like so many developing countries at a time of world recession, Jamaica finds itself on a slippery slope and unable to keep its footing. Moreover, economic forecasts have been less than sanguine, so Mr Seaga's real difficulties may be just beginning. Indeed, some experts expect that economic pressures will force the Labour government to go to the country again within a year or two. Will Edward Seaga be third time lucky? A picture of Fidel Castro is still prominently displayed in Mr Manley's office. Mr Seaga's victory will have pleased Washington but it will be no cause for complacency.

Inflation on the eve of the

election was running at 18 per

arms to El Salvador, continues to be uncomfortable about the regime's appalling human rights record. You. not too infrequently, have published reports of massacres allegedly committed by the Salvadorean Army, the most recent. I believe, on November 18 of 118 men, women and children carried out by a "crack American-trained Salvadorean Army battalion", from which a child escaped to give

Added to such events, and according to El Salvador's Human Rights Commission, the notorious "death squads" have killed an estimated 40,000 people during the past four years. The State Department has assembled lists of suspected death squad leaders which include officers in the Salvador National Guard and treasury police. Of this situation Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Dam warned just last week that "right-wing repression

only fosters the kind of revolution that rightists want to avoid".

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Sir Alfred Sherman claims that "the source of tension in Central America comes from the Marxist-Leninist regime in Nicaragua. From the record one might again ask of the situations in these countries: is Marxism-Leninism the cause, or

the effect? Yours sincerely. JOHN WEATHERILL. Wylye Head, Kilmington. Warminster,

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# Royal commission for London's future Violation of human rights in Turkey

From Mr Geoffrey Alderman and lining the Cities, parcels out the others

Sir, The proposals to abolish the common services of the GLC to a series of joint boards, commissions, tinguished university teachers Sir, The proposals to abolish the Greater London Council and replace it with appointed bodies must be deeply worrying to anyone with a concern for genuine local democracy and long-established constitutional conventions.

A constitutional change of such importance is out of keeping with its brief, last-minute inclusion in the Conservative Manifesto. The issue has not been clearly discussed in public, nor did it play a significant role in the election campaign.

Constitutional changes of such magnitude must be based on a large measure of agreement. The right course now, as in the past, is to establish a royal commission to make proposals for more effective elected local government in London - and in the six metropolitan areas too - and for Parliament to consider its report and to take account of the views of the citizens both in London and the metropolitan boroughs. A royal commission preceded the ending of the LCC and the establishment of the GLC.

The Government proposes, during the transition period, to replace a democratically elected council with a body of substitute councillors nominated by the 32 London boroughs without any further election, either at the GLC or borough level. The political composition of the boroughs is well known. Not merely does it threaten the principle of elected local councils, but it threatens to bring fundamental constitutional arrangements into an angry and uncertain partisan

The abolition of the GLC would make London the only capital city in the civilized world without a directly elected governing council. A century of democratic local control of London-wide services would end and a basic shift of power to the central state would begin.

The Government's scheme, moreover, in its White Paper, Stream-

### trusts and quangos or else dumps them piecemeal on the London

boroughs. The key functions of transport and strategic planning will be subject to direct rule from Whitehall. It seems that the citizens of

London are not to be trusted by Government to make their own arrangements. Also such a fragmented arrangement is far more complex and confusing to the public and will be more expensive than the relatively simple structure it purports to streamline.

No one can avoid the conclusion that there is neither theory nor principle at work here, but simply a short-term political consideration That matter should be settled by the electorate in April, 1985, as the majority of Conservative councillors on the GLC themselves appear to

No one pretends that the GLC is perfect or that it could not sensibly be improved. But there are constitutional ways of achieving such improvements provided the neces-sary time is allowed for adequate study. Violation of these principles would be a bad day for the future of parliamentary democracy in Great Britain. A royal commission is the obvious way forward now.

Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY ALDERMAN (Royal Holloway College). BERNARD CRICK (Birkbeck

College).
J. A. G. GRIFFITH (London School of Economics). G. W. JONES (London School of GERALD MANNERS (University

College, London), TREVOR SMITH (Queen Mary College).
A. D. G. SMART (University College, London), As from: Birkbeck College, University of London,

Malet Street, WC1. December 15.

Conventional query

From Lord Gladwyn

Sir, The American film called The Day After - not nearly horrible enough in my own opinion - was in any case less significant than the subsequent discussion, more especially the contribution of Robert McNamara. At last the real issues are becoming clear to the average intelligent citizen.

Your excellent correspondent. Ronald Butt, is a case in point. He acknowledges (feature, December 15) the strength of the McNamara argument in favour of "No first use", already for some years advanced by Lord Carver, Lord Zuckerman and myself, but perceives in it a flaw. Supposing, he says, the Russians attacked and were not successful owing to a, in itself desirable, reinforcement of Western conventional defences, would they not, in order to avoid defeat themselves, threaten the West with nuclear weapons, the use of which the West had already "renounced"?

But the flaw is in this suggestion. There is no question, except in the CND, of the West's "renouncing" nuclear weapons: only the first use of

such weapons. The Russians, in the event contemplated, could not so threaten the West unless they were themselves prepared to accept nuclear

annihilation. Nor would the Soviet Government, in such an event, necessarily have to accept "defeat". There would no doubt be some sort of negotiated settlement. It is even more evident that, should the West successfully rearm, there would be no war of any kind. It is quite true, on the other hand,

that if the Russians attacked with "conventional" weapons only and were successful, as they might well be if the West is really unable to strengthen its "conventional" defences, the West, having renounced "first use", could not seek to redress the situation by nuclear means and might therefore have to accept "defeat". But to any rational mind such "defeat" would be preferable to national annihilation. For "defeat" might, one day, be rectified: annihilation is for ever.

The hope, however, is that the Soviet Government will never launch an offensive which, even if "successful", might result in the breakup of its "empire". For they can hardly benefit from having a ruined and potentially rebellious Europe on their hands. In the past the Russians, I believe, have never directly attacked any major Power: they have simply profited by the weakness of their neighbours. Yours truly.

### Church and remarriage From Mr R. W. Mott

Sir, The Venerable Dr Daunton-

Fear asks (December 13) why the Church of England has not given greater consideration to granting decrees of nullity of marriage.

Nullity means that there was no

marriage, for lack of consent or consummation. How can the Church declare null a marriage that has lasted for 10 years, that has produced children and that everybody, including the Church, recognised as a marriage at the time? How can the Church explain to children of the marriage that it has discovered, rather late in the day, that their parents were not married at all?

Moreover these subtleties would mean taking the matter out of the hands of priests and bishops and handing it over to lawyers, who would find a new source of income in dressing up divorce as nullity. Let us stick to the present proposals. Yours faithfully,

R. W. MOTT. 136 Lakenheath. Southgate, N14. December 13.

From the Reverend Graham Buston Sir. Dr Daunton-Fear (December 13) is perhaps too optimistic. The experience of the Roman Church in assessing nullity after legal divorce shows that the procedure can be far from simple, as a study of Mgr Ralph Brown's book, Marriage Annulment, makes clear; nor is it inexpensive. Yet a less thorough investigation would probably be unacceptable to Anglicans.

### London's buildings From Professor Maurice Barley and

others

Sir, The Historic Buildings Division of the GLC is unique and it is fortunate for Britain that London should have built up, since 1901, an organization which responds so effectively to problems arising from the impact of the present on the remains of the past.

The division constitutes the nearest approach in Britain to an integrated response to those prob-lems. It contains, within one open office, the whole range of skills and information, from a works section responsible for the 1,000 historic buildings and monuments owned by the GLC to architects, historians, archaeologists, draughtsmen and

GLADWYN, House of Lords.

On the other hand, if Dr Daunton-Fear wishes to rely on legal annulment pronounced by the courts, he will find the scope of the present law of nullity in England to

be too limited to cover more than a small proportion of the cases anticipated by the Synod. "Option G" remains the only practical compromise open to the Anglican Church. Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM BUSTON, 40 Cadogan Place, SW1. December 14.

### Freezing point From Mr Lewis Massey

Sir, In his report ("Antifreeze test failed by garages", December 13) Robin Young says that the West Midlands County Council has been unable to find a satisfactory method of testing antifreeze.

For those who have a domestic

refrigerator with a deep-freeze compartment, or a freezer, the test is very simple: Take out a couple of teaspoonfuls of coolant from the car radiator or expansion tank, pour it on a saucer, and leave it for an hour or so in the freezer or deep-freeze compartment. If the antifreeze mixture is

correct, the liquid will not freeze solid but will turn mushy, even at a temperature of -20°C, far lower than is likely to be encountered in a normal British winter. Yours faithfully. LEWIS MASSEY,

20 Orchard Rise, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. December 13.

photographers who contribute to the Survey of London and advise on everday development control within the planning system.

Those familiar with the same

problems in provincial cities know that it is to some extent a matter of accidents of personality or local interests whether sites and buildings are adequately investigated and recorded, whether or not they are preserved. There are still great variations between parts of the country arising from our system of local government and reliance in part on voluntary activity.

The special powers of the GLC enable it to provide a comprehensive and well informed response to

proposals for change.

The Survey of London, for which the GLC is entirely responsible, is

# judged by its ability to do away with and do without repressive

Sir, It is natural that the distinguished university teachers who signed the letter (December 14) attacking the Turkish Government's educational policy should be dis-quieted by the reported dismissal of a number of Turkish academics. The reference in the letter to "university autonomy", however, shows a certain lack of knowledge of the background.

Arguments for autonomy are undermined if the universities are . unable to prevent political differences escalating into such violence that the universities were before 1980, closed for months at a time. Both members of the staff and students died in these disturbances. I have heard criticism of the Army, from those who did not wholeheartedly support the military government, for not going in and restoring order before the military takeover. Moreover, the National Security Council were promoting a complete reconstruction of university edu-

In the paragraphs relating to the prosecution of the members of "the peace movement" the letter almost gives the impression that the signatories believe that academics and intellectuals should be exempt from the law. If the prosecution allegations are correct there is 10 doubt that the members of the peace movement were guilty under Tur-kish law, a law with which they must have been familiar.

The sentences may seem heavy for the offences, but in considering sentences passed by Turkish courts one has to remember that, while they are in the habit of imposing long sentences, Turkish govern-ments frequently proclaim am-nesties from which everyone benefits, except those who have committed offences against the forest laws. If you kill a man you can in all probability look forward to a fairly early release; if you cut down a tree you stay inside.

It is a pity that that letter repeats the statement that the law against communism was copied Mussolini's Italy. Ataturk was quite capable of judging communism for himself and he did not like it. As he always expressed the greatest comtempt for Mussolini and disliked what he knew of fascism it is most unlikely that he sought inspiration from Italy. Communism is not the only creed banned by the various Turkish Constitutions: fascism and Islamic fundamentalism are equally prohibited.

I remain etc. DIANA SPEARMAN. 7 Lord North Street, SWI. December 15.

From Dr David Seddon

Sir, In your second leader (of December 14) you rightly observe, regarding the continuing violation of human rights in Turkey, that "over time, the true character of an ally's government will inevitably be

From Dr Christopher Field Sir, Reviewing a performance of Messiah (December 7) your music critic, Mr Noël Goodwin, refers, in a provocative passing sally, to "the whining strings of baroque scholar-ship". I shall be grateful if you will permit me, on behalf of all those who have tried to combine science and practice in this field, to rebut

To G. B. Doni, writing shortly before Monteverdi's death, the violin was an instrument of unsurpassed expressive range which represented "in the hands of a master the sweetness of the lute, suavity of the viol, majesty of the harp, force of the trampet, vivacity of the fife, sadness of the flute and pathos of the cornett". Dryden, in an ode later set by Handel himself, celebrated the power of the band of violins to convey "depth of pain, and height of passion", while the French lexicographer Brossard characterized the violin's sound as naturally very bright and very gay,

and do without repressive methods. Opposite this, you publish a letter, signed by several eminent British academics, deploring the savage sentences passed last month on a group of Turkish intellectuals, academics, artists and members of the liberal professions who have been prominent in the Turkish peace movement.
On November 14, 23 members of

the banned Turkish Peace Associ-ation were sentenced to terms of imprisonment with hard labour of between five and eight years, for crimes of thought", simply for belonging to the equivalent of the CND and for working for peace. The letter signed by Professor

Worsley and colleagues mentioned by name a number of those involved. May I, in addition, express deep concern about the plight of Mr Orhan Apaydin, President of the Istanbul Bar Association, Mr Mahmut Dikerdem, President of the Turkish Peace Association and former Ambassador to India, and Mr Orhan Taylan, a well-known artist, who was tortured while in prison prior to the trial in order to force a "confession" of membership of the banned Turkish

Communist Party. Torture, "thought crimes", appalling sentences for involvement in the peace movement - these are only some of the Orwellian features of the comtemporary Turkish state; others include martial law, massive control of the press, the banning of so-called "left" trade unions and the imprisonment of their leadership, and vicious attempts to eliminate

the Kurdish identity.
Throughout 1984 those who value democratic and human rights and peace will be watching and judging Mr Ozal's new "civilian" government and looking for an indication of a genuine return to democracy. One such indication would be the freeing of the imprisoned members of the Turkish Peace Association.

Yours etc. DAVID SEDDON, School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia,

Norfolk. December 15.

### Sauce for goose

From Mr R. A. Leeson Sir, Today (leading article, December 10) you write: "There will be a need to prevent any recurrence of a situation where the underlying Argentine feeling on the Falklands can be exploited for domestic political purposes leading to a knee-jerk reaction with tragic

consequences. "Argentine" also read "British"? Yours faithfully,

R. A. LEESON, 18 McKenzie Road, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire. December 10.

### which makes it ideal for animating

this ill-aimed slur. Yours faithfully.

### dance steps".

One of Leopold Mozart's first lessons to pupils was to practise producing "a forthright and manly tone". Descriptions of leading seventeenth and eighteenth-century violinists, against which any modern recreation of "authentic" baroque technique and style must measured, speak frequently of the sweetness, tenderness, serenity, elegance, spirit, agility and fire of

their playing.
It was for such men that Nicolo Amati, Stainer and Stradivari made their instruments, all of which, it must not be forgotten, were originally "baroque" violins played with "baroque" bows. But I know of no evidence at all that points to "whining" as either a characteristic or an ideal.

CHRISTOPHER FIELD. Department of Music, The University, St Andrews, December 12.

### Keeping the peace

From Mr Michael Adams Sir. In 1956, when it was eager to bring down the government of President Nasser in Egypt, the British Government made the mistake of collaborating with Israel. The United States, under the sensible leadership of President Eisenhower, immediately dis-sociated itself from Britain and was able afterwards to do something to

repair the damage. Today, President Reagan has made the same mistake of enlisting Israel's help in his attempt to browbeat President Assad of Syria into submission; and this is bound to make it harder for any Arab government to cooperate with the West.

Our own Government was not consulted before the Americans began to bomb Syrian positions in the Lebanon, although the safety of our troops was placed in jeopardy by this foolish initiative. There is no reason why the British, French and Italian forces, which were sent to

universally acclaimed. Furthermore, the latest volume in the Buildings of England series, London 2: South, engiana series, London 2: Soun, about which your reviewer, Michael Ratcliffe (The Times, November 30) was properly enthusiastic, could not have been remotely as good as it is without access to archives of the division and to the knowledge which its staff has according

its staff has acquired. The division must be kept powers or dispersal of its staff. Yours faithfully. MAURICE BARLEY. ALEC CLIFTON-TAYLOR, PETER ADDYMAN, JOHN ASHDOWN,

December 7.

together, without dilution of its 60 Park Road, Chilwell,

Beirut to carry out a peace-keeping task, should now share the con-sequences – which are likely to be disastrous - of President Reagan's misconceived policies. It is useful to remember that, as

far as the United States is con-cerned, the Middle East is not an issue of foreign politics; it is an important factor in the domestic political equation, especially in the run-up to a presidential election. Mr Reagan and his associates are less concerned with keeping the peace than with winning votes and campaign contributions. There is no good reason for the rest of us to lend him our support in this direction.

Britain's objective should be to

reconcile the parties in the Lebanon and then to work for an equitable solution of his Palestine problem. In both contexts we should take care to dissociate ourselves from the partisan policies of the United States.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL ADAMS, Middle East International. 21 Collingham Road, SW5. December 18.

### Saved from the gong From Mr Charles Fyffe

Sir. In his review in The Times of December 8, Sandy Wilson writes: a 'gongster' being a policeman who, at that time, used to chase speeding motorists beating, if you can believe

it, a gong."
No, I can't, because he didn't. To be "gonged" meant you had been pursued by a police car that sounded a bell; mechanically sounded, not manually.

In fact the bell was used until replaced by the horrible French-style donkey bray now in use.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES FYFFE,

52 Holmdale Road, NW6. December 4.

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# **COURT** AND **SOCIAL**

### COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 20: The Lord MacLehose of Beech had the honour of being received by The Queen this morning when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

His Excellency the Hon Charles H. Price II was received in audience and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the United States of America to the Court of St

by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty. Mr Michael Calingaert (Minister for Economic Affairs), Mr Turner L. Oyloe (Counsellor for Agricultural Affairs). Mr Philip W. Arnold (Counsellor for Public Affairs). Mr Alan D. Wolfe (Counsellor for Programme Co-ordination), Mr David C. Fields (Counsellor for Administrative Affairs), Mr Robert W Maule (Counsellor for Consular Affairs), Mr Richard L. McCormack (Counsellor for Political Affairs) and Colonel Alan B. Renshaw

Mrs Price had the honour of being received by The Queen. Aniony Acland (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

His Excellency Dr Jürgen Ruhfus and Frau Ruhfus were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Federal Republic of Germany to the Court of St James's. Sir Andrew Huxley bad the

honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member Sir Michael Tippett had the

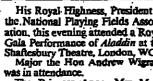
honour of being received by The Queen when Her Maiesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Order of Merit.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher. MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening. The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the National Playing Fields Association, this morning attended a Special General Meeting of the Association at the National West-minster Tower, London, EC2. Mr Brian McGrath was in

dant Dame Jean Bromet, 71: Lord 40; Mr Greville Starkey, 44; Mr Peter Tinniswood, 47; Mr James Tye, 62; Dr Kurt Waldheim, 65.

### Dinner

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was the guest of honour at a livery dinner given in Apothecaries Hall last night by the Master and Wardens of the Turners' Company. The Master, Mr G. M. Reeves, presided and other speakers were the Lord Mayor, Mr H. S. Axton and Mr J. E. Borrett, Upper Warden. Among those present were the Master Cutler, the Master of the Engineers, and the Director-General of REME.



Phillips this evening attended the Christmas Celebrations in Westninster Cathedral

CLARENCE HOUSE

has succeeded Lady Angela Oswald as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. KENSINGTON PALACE

this morning visited JEL Energy Conservation Services Ltd at Stockport, Greater Manchester, and the new Low Factory.

the Royal Jubilee Trusts and President, The Prince's Trust, this afternoon visited the West Indian Sports, Social Club and Community Centre, Manchester.
The Prince of Wales, ac-

Free Trade Hall, Manche Their Royal Highnesses, atten-

The Princess of Wales this afternoon opened the new Extra Care Centre at the Abbeyfield Downing House, Swinbourne Grove, Withington, Manchester.

Mrs George West was attendance. December 20: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this evening at The Observer Victorian Christmas Concert in aid

Bland and Mrs Michael Wigley wer in attendance.

The Duke of Kent will lunch with the Baltic Exchange on March 22.

and work of Judge Rodney Bax, QC will be held in Gray's Inn Chapel on Thursday, January 26, 1984, at

Sir Graham and Lady Rowlandson will not be sending Christmas cards this year and would like to take this opportunity of wishing all their friends a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

### Birthdays today Latest appointments

Sir Robert Armitage. 77; Sir Latest appointments include: Arthur Benson, 76 Air Comman- Dr T. P. McLean, aged 53, Dir Caccia, 78; Mrs Chris Evert Lloyd, 29: Vice-Admiral Sir Raymond Hawkins, 74: Lord Justice Lawton. 72; Mr David McFall, 64; Sir Leslie H. Martin, 83; Mr W. M. M. Milligan, 76; Mr Merlin Minsball, Milligan, 76; Mr Merlin Minshall, 77; the Most Rev John A. Murphy, 78; Sir John Nabarro, 68; Sir Kenneth O'Connor, 87; Mr Anthony Powell, 78; Flight Lieutenant W. Reid, VC, 62; Mr Walter Spanghero,

London School of Economics and Political Science





le mut de Cartier boutique HARVEY NICHOLS, KNIGHTSBRIDGE, LONDON SW3. TELEPHONE 01-235 5000.

His Royal Highness, President of the National Playing Fields Association, this evening attended a Royal Gala Performance of Aladdin at the Shaftesbury Theatre, London, WC2 Major the Hon Andrew Wigram

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark The Countess of Lichfield was in

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

December 20: Ruth, Lady Fermo

December 20: The Prince of Wales

His Royal Highness, President

companied by The Princess of Wales, Pairon of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, this evening attended a Carol Concert in aid of the Fund, at the

by Mr David Roycroft and Mrs George West, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

of The Children's Society at Royal Albert Hall, London. Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon

# Dr T. P. McLean, aged 53, Director-General of Air Weapons and

Electronic Systems under Controller
Aircraft in MoD (Procurement Executive) HQ in London, to be Director, Royal Armament Research and Development Establish-ment, Fort Halstead, from January I in succession to Dr F. H. Panton, who is retiring.

Mr Brian Oatley, aged 48, deputy education officer for Kent, to be county education officer in succession to Mr William Petty. Legal

Sevenoaks, Kent, and Ann Janet, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. A. Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, to be leader of the North-eastern Circuit from

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the late Archdeacon of Sudbury and Mrs Kenneth Child, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. L. Nash.

Ivers, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr J. Dean

and Miss G. Fyffe The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. E. Dean, of Mylor Bridge, Cornwall, and Georgina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.

Sotheby's, Christies, and Phillips, the three London based

international art auctioneers.

have had a boom autumn

season. Their turnover for the

four months to December was

up 74 per cent, 50 per cent and

The autumn leaves Sotheby's

ahead of the field again with a

turnover of £141m. Christic's

crept ahead this time last year

but is in second place now at £128m, while Phillips has beaten all its own records to sell

seen more as a recovery than a

major advance. In dollars they

are back to the turnover of their

record 1980 season and in

sterling they have comfortably

topped it. Christie's has been advancing

strongly over the intervening

three years and has nearly

The marriage has been arranged between Hal, son of Mr and Mrs

Cary, of Wans, Chippenham, Wiltshire, and Anna, elder daughter

of Mr Peter Cowell, of Longham. Norfolk, and Lady Neville, of Edingthorpe, Norfolk.

The engagement is announced

**Forthcoming** 

marriages

Mr D. F. Aitken

and Miss A. J. Ivers

Mr M. H. J. Child

and Miss A. Cowell

Mr H. Cary

£42m worth of artistic wares.

28 per cent respectively.

Mr C. Fludgate and Miss A. Gilmartin

Fyffe, of St Ninians, Stirling.

The engagement is announced between Colin, son of Mr J. Fludgate, Hunstanton, and of Mrs L. Fludgate, Surbiton, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Gilmartin, British High Commission, Singapore. Mr D. J. Gregory and Miss S. C. Swallow

The engagement is announced between David John, younger son of Mr and Mrs F. W. Gregory, of Orpington, and Susan Catherine, youngest daughter of Mrs R. Swallow and the late Mr Leslie Edward Swallow, of Hawkhurst. Mr R. C. Holmes and Miss L. Sanders

Holmes and the late Mrs Myra Holmes, of Thornton, Bradford, and Lynn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Sanderson, of Edin-burgh.

overcoming this problem. The

key lies in a substance called somatostatin, which was first

found in the base of the brain,

and which is thought to exert

an important control over the

As such it is seen as a

release of natural hormones.

### Mr L. E. Fanshawe and Miss A. H. Stockley

The engagement is announced between Lionel son of Captain and Mrs Tom Fanshawe and Amanda daughter of Mr and Mrs James both of Petersfield. Mr D. W. Hatto.

Palace mission: Mr Charles Price II, the new US Ambassador, leaving for Buckingham

Palace yesterday with his wife Carol to present his letters of credence to the Queen

(Photograph: John Voos).

Art sales have boom season

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

with some outstanding sales

collection of Paul Mellon and

two Turnes that are expected to

Christie's autumn figures.

Sotheby's in New York; it chairman said.

Sales there made 70 per cent

more than in 1982 which had

Christie's, said yesterday that year.

long the market leader.

coming.

Sotheby's figures should be mke more than film each.

closed the gap with Sotheby's, seems to have held on to its

the art market had progressively athered pace suring 1983. Sotheby's New York sales

finishing with the remarkable compared this autumn since the

Mr John Floyd, chairman of made further advances this

and Miss L. G. M. Neate The engagement is announced

between David William, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. W. Hatto., of Bolton, and Lizette Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L. H. Neate, of Leeds. between Duncan Flockhart, son of Mr and Mrs W. F. Aitken, of and Miss H. G. Lees

nent is

between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs and Miss V. K. Carne I. T. Henderson, of Chailey, Sussex, and Heather, daughter of Dr and Mrs W. C. Lees, of Reading. Berkshire. Mr J. C. Hoare

and Miss M. A. Pegge The engagement is announced

between Jonathan Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs M. G. Hoare, of Staines, Middlesex, and Madeleine Antoinette, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. C. Pegge, of Hale Barns, Mr P. H. F. Jordan

and Miss A. H. Garioch

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mrs C. A. Bridgwater and the late Mr R. F. Jordan, and stepson of Mr C. A. Bridgwater, of Worthing, Sussex, and Annabel, daughter of Mrs J. E. Harrison, and the late Mrs J. E. Harrison and the late Mr I. F. Garioch and stepdaughter of Mr J. E. Harrison, of Rudgwick, Sussex. Major J. H. L. Lloyd, RA and Captain P. A. Smith, QARANC

The engagement is announced between John Hugh Laviers Lloyd, Royal Artillery, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs J. L. Lloyd, of Whitley Bay, and Patricia Ann, younger daughter of the late Mr T. Smith and of Mrs Bridget Smith, of Little Waltham, Essex. Mr C. R. Milling and Miss E. R. Danielson

The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Mr J. R. Millington, of Glebe House, Kilby, Leicestershire, and Mrs B. L. Furber, of Wheler Lodge, Welford, Northamptonshire, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of the late Mr and Mrs LG Devilage. Mrs J. G. Danielson, and niece of Mr and Mrs C. R. Butterworth, of Wayside, Shoreham, Kent.

### and Miss C. J. Boys-Stones The engagement is announced

centres fluctuate wildly.

was more tricky than that of the

son of Mr and Mrs Lance Philpott, of Learnington Spa, Warwickshire, and Claire Judith, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Boys-Stones, of Brampton, Cumbria. Mr M. S. Sharma

and Miss J. A. Seagrove The engagement is announced

only son of the late Mr and Mrs K. S. Sitaram, of India, and Jennifer Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. C. Seagrove, of Groombridge, Mr R. F

The engagement is announced between Brian, son of Mrs I. B. Sweetman and the late Mr F. E. Sweetman, formerly of Enfield Middlesex, and Victoria, daughter of Dr and Mrs Stuart Carne, of Kensington, London. Mr R. D. Wills and Miss C. M. Lewis

The engagement is announced between Roger David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Arnold Wills, of Hale Cheshire, and Catherine Marths only daughter of Mr and Mrs Cecil Lewis, of Geneva, Switzerland,

Baron Dr C. D. H. Wrede of Elima and Miss S. J. Vinnicombe

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Baron Casper Wrede of Elima, of Yarpole, Herefordshire, and Baroness Dilys Wrede of Elima, of Ham, Surrey, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Vinnicombe, of Emsworth, Hampshire. **Marriages** 

Capt J. L. Gill

and Miss A. F. Leacock and Miss A. F. Leacock
The marriage took place quietly on
December 13 of Captain Johnny
Gill, elder son of the late Mr and
Mrs. L. Gill, of Chastleton,
Gloucestershire, and Miss Annabel
Leacock younger daughter of Mr A.
G. Leacock, CBE, FRCS, of
Barbados, and Mrs W. E. Skipwith,
of lichen Stoke Hammshire of Itchen Stoke, Hampshire. Count L. B. Romanoz-Korben

and Miss A. F. O'Neill The marriage took place recently in London between Count Izzy Romanoz-Korhen and Miss Annie

### Science report

### New ways of raising animal yields By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The use of hormones to growth-retarding agent, but research at the institute has promote growth in farm animals destined for slaughter, shown that when an animal is rather than for breeding given a preparation containing purposes, has become wide further quantities of somatos spread on the assumption that there is no reproductive risk tatin, it can be induced to produce antibodies which will involved. But it still leaves 2 effectively remove it from the

certain aneasiness in the public mind, because of the Use of this technique has possible presence of residues in carcases sent for human resulted in increases in both growth and meat conversion efficency in sheep, and there Scientists at the Agriculseems no reason why the tural and Food Research principle shuld not be appli-Council's Meat Research Incable to other animals. stitute, at Langford, near Bristol, believe they have Another programme, by the council's Animal Breeding made significant steps in

Research Organization, has been studying the possibility of increasing the prolificacy, or the incidence of twin births, in sheep and cattle. Genetic selection, even when aided by superovulation and

he expected to increase the incidence of twinning by no more than 8 per cent every 10 The organization believes,

however, that prolificacy could be improved by so-called passive immunization, which would involve artificially restraining the effects of the negative hormones which counter the stimulatory hornegative mones from the pituitary gland.

Ever-increasing milk production from dairy cattle, and the corresponding need to reduce surplus, is likely to lead to a long-term decrease in the number and size of dairy herds. Beef supplies are overwhelmingly dependent on dairy herds, so an increase in fecundity would be one way of embryo transfer, is a slow process and would, it is said, maintaining the numbers of beef calves.

### **OBITUARY**

### **BILL BRANDT** Contribution to British photography

scene, a mysterious, surreal

dimension, is not coincidental.

documentary, very much in sympathy with his French contemporaries Brassi and Car-

tier-Bress on - though he was

confident enough to send in one

of his photographs, of a

mannequin in a flea-market, for publication in the semi-surreal-

ist art magazine Minotaure in

In 1938 he had his first one-

man show of photographs, organized in Paris by Arts et Metiers Graphiques. With the

war he found himself working

for the Ministry of Information

making survey of London air-

raid shelters, and also produced

some of his most humane and

moving pictures of Londoners

marked by the publication of his book Camera in London in

1948: by that time he was

already turning the subject

matter more towards landscape, architecture and the riude, as

well as returning with renewed

ception to the portrait. As he

The end of this phase was

in the blitz.

work of Man Ray as well as in the orginal prints effects were

one gets from many of his most negatives were violently con-

He was also aware of the take an increasingly harsh view

huminously graded, he came to

- aesthetically, at any rate - and his later prints from early

trasted plays of very black

His newer photographs had

blacks against very white white.

from the start this same rather

harsh, unyielding quality: in the

1950s and after he found more

and more overt expression for his surrealist sympathies in

weirdly composed beach scenes.

with or without nudes, and

some very bizarre interiors with

his models curiously trans-

formed into half-birds or almost

He remained active almost

until the last, and in recent

years, as the grand old man of

British photography, had seen his work rise in price and public

esteem and receive extensive

showings in museums and art

galleries, as the ascension of

photography into the ranks of

accepted arts, which he had so much earlier predicted, came to

He remained remarkably

unaffected by the fame and the idolisation of his juniors:

quietly confident of what he

wanted to do and his ability to

do it, he assumed the mantle of

guru with practised grace. And indeed, who could doubt his

right to do so; his work and his

During the 1930s, in contrast

to the prevailing creed of

socialist realism, he directed a

series of Hollywood-influenced

musicals, including Jazz Comedy (1934), with a score by Shostakovich, Circus and Vol.

enormously popular both in the

Soviet Union and elsewhere in

The leading lady in each case

was one of the stars of the

Soviet cinema, Lyubov Orlova,

and she became Alexandrov's

second wife. He was previously

married to the actress Anna

Sten, who was lured over to

Hollywood by Sam Goldwyn.

During the Second World War

Alexandrov worked mostly in documentary and in 1949 he

was responsible for Meeting on

the Elbe, a propaganda piece about the Cold War.

He continued directing

though infrequently, until 1973

and among his later films were a

study of the composer, Glinka,

and two semi-documantaries on

MR THOMAS

BLACKWELL

Mr Thomas Francis Black-

well, MBE, DL, who died at his

on December 18, aged 71, was

one of racing's senior adminis-trators and a well known owner-

He served as a steward of the

Jockey Club from 1964 to 1966

and was twice deputy senior

steward during the period 1967 to 1969 and 1973-75. He was

one of the Jockey Club mem-

bers on the Horserace Betting

Levy Board from 1976 to 1978.

that he owned and bred were

Brolly, Silver Cloud, Catherine

Wheel, Richmond Fair and

Vielle, who won the Lancashire

Oaks and Nassau Stakes in 1980

and who also finished second to

Bireme in the Oaks at Epsom

One of his most significant

winners was Rich And Rare,

who won the Cheveley Park

Stakes in 1957. From the proceeds of the sale of this filly he founded the Langham Hall

stud. Jack Jarvis, Geoffrey

Barling and more recently Bruce Hobbs were his trainers.

Harrow and Magdalene College,

Cambridge. He served in the

Coldstream Guards from 1940-

45. He was a Deputy Lieutenant of Suffolk, a governor of Harrow from 1975-81. He acted

as chairman of the Colne Valley Water Company from 1963-83.

and was chairman of Turi Newspapers Limited. He was also a member of the London

Stock Exchange and of Lloyds.

keen sportsman, who was elected captain of the Royal and

Ancient Golf Club in 1963.

three years before his younger

loyal to those he liked and was

never happier than when surrounded by young people at

a party. He is survived by a son. Charles, and a daughter Caro-

Tom Blackwell was fiercely

brother, John.

He was a first class shot and a

Biackwell was educated at

the same year.

Among the many good horses

a rouble millionaire.

hitory spoke for themselves. His wife survives him.

unrecognisably abstracted,

Bill Brandt, who died in portant formative years in did so, his attitude to his earlier after a short. Paris, and was influenced by the work subtly changed; whereas London yesterday after a short illness, was possibly the first British photographer to think of Atget. himself unselfconsciously as an artist, and was certainly, by the latest developments in avantexample of his own work, one of the most important forces in persuading critics and public to apparently realistic pictures that see the photographer's role in something lies beyound the the same light

He was born in 1905, and began taking photographs All the same, the prime thrust seriously in the mid-1920s: a of his work long remained recent show of his portrait photographs at the National Portrait Gallery - in itself a sure sign of the standing he had achieved - included a long-forgotten portrait of Ezra Pound taken when the photographer At first, to all appearance, he was a photographic reporter, 1934.

like many others active in the

1930s heyday of Picture Post and other pictorial magazines. Most of his photographs have some clear social context, and people still remember the images from his 1936 book The English at Home showing the poor surviving, the rich at play, and someitmes, as in the famous picture of two housemaids in full dress standing by an elaborately-laid dinner table, the two worlds meeting. But he knew already that

there was more to his photography than the precise reporter's notation of reality. His background was much more international than that of most of his vigorous and unmatched percontemporaries: he spent imhigher volume of turover and

GRIGORI ALEXANDROV Grigori Alexandrov, assistant and while in France Alexandrov to Eisenstein on the famous and Tisse produced a short Soviet films of the 1920s and experimental film, Romance

autumn result. The prospects new owner, Mr Alfred Taublooked good for 1984, he said, man, has decided that turnover age of 80. He trained as an actor and figures will not in future be issued for different geographic acrobat in his home town of He drew attention to a areas. He says he wishes to Yekaterinburg (now Sverdwhen Sotheby's was in trouble January Old Master picture sale emphasize the international in New York, which contains a nature of the art market. group of 10 still lifes from the Results in different geographic troops on the eastern front during the First World War The autumn has been notable for the highly competitive New York has contributed bidding on rare or very highthe largest increase in turnover quality items. That meant that Phillips's slice of the market

of the theatre's directors.

big two. "It is clear from the itself been sharply up on 1981. results that we have been A year ago Christie's was attracting a larger share of the picking up business from high-priced items", Phillips's Alexandrov worked closely with direction, and their collabora- until 1979. tion continued on The Battle-ship Potemkin, and The General all four was substantial.

> Alexandrov Europe to study film technique versial.

later a director, has died at the Sentimentale, which made bold use of the new medium of sound. The trio then moved to

Hollywood but two projects, an lovsk), where he was born in adaptation of Dreiser's An 1903, and entertained the American Tragedy and Sutter's Gold, came to nothing and they next tried Mexico, where the before moving to Moscow. He novelist Upton Sinclair had joined the Proletcult Theatre as helped to set up an ambitious an actor and stage manager and study of the life and culture of there made the acquaintance of that country. Many thousands Sergei Eisenstein, who was one of feet of film were shot but Eisenstein was never able to When Eisenstein made his work on the footage, which first film, Strike, in 1924, became Que Viva México. An official him. on both script and Alexandrov, was not completed

Line. On the last two films ways, Eisenstein to a series of Alexandrov was credited as co- bitter clashes with the authdirector and his contribution to orities which hastened his early At the end of the 1920s directing His films were generaccompanied ally less distinguished than Eisenstein and the cameraman, those of his former colleague Tissé, on a trip to western and were politically uncontro-

### **MARY RENAULT**

S. H. writes: It was a pity that your as the best book on Philip II of obituary of Mary Renault Macedon; admittedly that was contained no reference to her before the most recent spate of two most recent novels, The Philip biographies. And I have Praise Singer (1978), a splendid heard a professor of ancient evocation of the tyrannical history say that The Last of the courts of Polykrates of Samos Wine was a more admirable and Pisistratid Athens, or treatment of the Peloponnesian Funeral Games (1981) which War than any modern academic deals with the struggles of the account. successors of Alexander.

Neither book is vitiated by any cranky matriarchal theories of the kind to which your obituary takes exception (in Funeral Games Olympias is a powerful figure, but then so she was in reality). Nor is The Mask of Apollo (1966), which is set in Sicily around the time of Plato's

More generally, the obituary suggests at more than one point that "educated" readers, or readers who know Greek, take a low view of Mary Renault's work. I have not found this to be so; the most distinguished Greek historian and epigraphist in Oxford has described Fire dents of ancient Greek history

### SIR JOHN HUNTER

figure in British shipbuilding for 20 years before assistant vears before nationalisation in 1977, died at his home in Northumberland on December 19. He was 71. A grandson of the founder of the Swan Hunter shippard on the Tyne, he was chairman of

what became the largest grouping in British shipbuilding, the Swan Hunter Group, and headed it in forceful style during the 1960s and 1970s to nationalization, to which he was strongly opposed. Afterwards, with substantial

compensation, he formed an industrial holding group with interests in ship repair at home and abroad, and general engincering, which he chaired until retirement in 1979. Bluff and of powerful phys-

ique and personality, Hunter emerged as a dominant figure in an industry that tended to spawn such people. Latest wills

### Mrs Olwen Scott Insall, Cerrigydru-dion. Gwynedd, left estate valued at

£57.658 net. She left the military medals awarded to her late husband. including his Victoria Cross and Military Cross, to the RAF Museum at Hendon.

Sir Charles Empson, of Ickham, Canterbury, Ambassador to Chile from 1955 to 1958, left £112,632

Miss Margaret Menzies Bair, of Cheltenham. left estate £368,300 nct. Among other bequests she left £70,000 to the Church of Scotland Committee on Social Responsi-bility, for use in connexion with Eventide Homes.

ga-Volga. The films were eastern Europe and were reputed to have made Alexandrov

version, edited by After their return to Russia

the two men went their separate death. Alexandrov into solo

ary mentions without comment.

in print, Richard Jenkyns, in his Victorians and Ancient Greece, compares Mary Renault to her advantage with the nineteenth-century historica novelists: "most of her books, he writes "are narrated in the first person by a frank, confiding voice describing - as we realize with a sense of shock the most extraordinary behaviour as though it were the most natural thing in the world".

If Mary Renault's achievement is to be belittled, it should not be by reference to any supposed consensus of contempt among professional stu-

### He had his career as an Sir John Hunter, a leading

apprentice at the Swan Hunter yard in 1930 after schooling at Oundle; he then studied at Cambridge and Durham before continuing at the Type and Clyde yards of the family firm to become a director at 33 and chairman and managing director at 45. He was also active

industry affairs, becoming chairman of the North-East Coast Shiprepairers' Association, the Tyne Shiprepairers Association, the Shipbuilding Employers Federation and the British Employers Federation. He was a member of the NEDC and of the British Railways Board, and a freeman of the City of London and of the rough of Wallsend.

He married firstly Joanne Winifred Wilkinson by whom he had a son: and secondly Sybil Malfroy by whom he had a son. He was appointed CBE in 1960 and knight in 1964.

Other estates include (net, before

rrett, Miss Olive Kathleen, o

Rustington, West Sussex, £203,943 Berman, Mr Robert William, of £231.755 Day, Mr Austin William, of Little

(ax paid).

Day, Mr Aussin. F228,310
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Lockwood, Mr Lloyd Clarence
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University news

Professor Peter Haggett, professor of urban and regional geography, is to be Vice-Chancellor in the period between the retirement of the present vico-chancellor, Sir Alec Merrison, at the end of September 1984 and I September 1985, when the new vice-chancellor, professor John Kingman, takes up his duties.

Christening The infant son of Mr and Mrs

David Profumo was christened Alexander James in St Marylebone Parisk Church on Saturday, Decem-ber 17, by the Rev C. K. Hamel-Cooke and the Rev Peter Watkins.

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### FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

**Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet** 

# The Prudential sets up 'own' London broker

Prudential-Bache Securities, a subsidi-ary of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, world's biggest insurance company, is setting up its "own" London Stock Excange member firm. The nucleus of it are Mr Ashley Down, head of corporate finance at James Capel one of London's leading stockbroking firms, and his deputy in the same department, Mr Christopher de Boer. Mr Down had expressed a wish some time ago to leave the partnership for personal reasons. Mr de Boer resigned on Monday. "Their going is a disappointment to us," was Capel's comment, "but we still have 63 partners

Prudential-Bache will own 29 per cent of the new firm the Stock Exchange describes as "a joint venture." That is the maximum permitted under Stock Exchange rules but Prudential-Boche has an option to acquire the balance if and when the rules are changed. In the interim most of any profits will accrue to the American "junior" partner.

The new firm will offer UK and Continental research and corporate finance services to British institutions and companies and to Prudential-Bache clients wherever thay may be. To that end the new firm will recruit among other firms, bearing in mind also that the maximum it can take in captive commissions from Prudential-Bache is 20 per cent of the total.

Mr Jim Barton, head of Prudential-Bache international and commodity divisions in New York said the new firm would be recruiting 25 to 30 staff almost immediately, who would be offered the normal profit-sharing and bonus schemes. It would be capitalized, initially, at £500,000 although substantially more would be made available as the business grows. It would be incorporated as a

limited corporate member. Britain's leading financial institutions, have some £300 billion under management of which 37.5 billions is thought to be invested abroad. "Obviously as our research capabilities grow," Mr Barton went on, "we hope to attract substantial ousiness, both going into Britain and coming out. Hopefully a lot of it."

Prudential-Bache traditionally had built foreign.

its own businesses rather than bought into existing companies. "We could not wait for the rules to change to allow us a majority holding. We have hired professional expertise, at least we believe so, to build a new company brick-by-brick."

What many leading London brokers had feared, the poaching of senior staff by foreign rivals, has arrived quicker than

A company with the Prudential's strength behind it should not be long in establishing itself as a power in London. Ironically the Prudential took over and restored Bache, Halsey Stewart in 1981 after Wall Street had undergone the same form of restructuring now beginning in London. It hopes that it has set an example for other American companies By the same token Prudential-Bache's initiative may accelerate decisions among

British bankers, brokers and other financial institutions who, are either huddled together in discussions about possible umbilical ties or carefully examining their navels for directions which way to jump. The Bank of England, in its new role as Stock Exchange monitor as well as its traditional role as the City's Keeper, is naturally concerned. In the December Quarterly Bulletin the Bank sees scope for a greater efficiency.

The Bank accepts that "foreign particination" in London will increase, but "it is important that this should be matched by the international involvement of strong groupings of British-owned institutions, which will no doubt emerge".

The Bank has shown no sign so far of postive discrimination in favour of domestic parties in the reshuffles taking place. But it is relieved that two of the five important stockjobbers have already opted for home links.

Akroyd with S. G. Warburg, Smith Brothers with NM Rothschild. The Bank's priorities include ensuring adequate investor protection and a market in which it can sell government debt. The name to conjure with in the gilt-edged market is Wedd Durlacher. It will surely announce a new partner soon, and it must be all Lombard Street to a China orange that the preferred institution will be British, not

# Dog-days lose their bite

The stock market was predicting as much a year ago and official statistics are now proving the point: company profits are recovering sharply from the dogdays of the recession. The Bank's Quarterly Bulletin records that profits rose by nearly 50 per cent between the first halves of 1981 (the pit of the recession) and 1983. Figures from the Central Statistical Office yesterday suggest that this trend is still accelerating: industrial and commercial company profits were nearly one-third higher in the third quarter compared with a year earlier. If you strip out North Sea operations the recovery is even more impressive. Profits rose by 35 per cent in real terms between the first half of 1981 and the first half of this year, after a similar fall in the previous three years.

It would be wrong to infer from these comparisons that everything is coming up roses in the corporate sector. For a start a 35 per cent rise in profits after a 35 per cent fall does not leave the sector where it started five years ago. It is still well short of the starting line.

Companies have been benefiting from the rise in output while big gains in productivity mainly due to shedding people, have helped to keep down unit labour costs. That said, the real rate of profitability, probably back over 6 per cent compared with 2-3 per cent in early 1981, is still low; "lower not only than in the 1960s but also than in 1978", and according the Bank, "well below the level necessary for a healthy rate of invest-

The Bank nonetheless is quite optimistic about an imminent recovery in investment because of industry's improved profitability and much stronger financial position - company liquidity's now as strong as at almost any time in the

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

### £7.5m rights issue by Carlton

Carlton Communications. one of Britain's leading independent television production companies, yesterday an-nounced a one-for-five rights

At that price the issue means an 85p discount to the market's ruling level. Money from the issue will help Cariton to explore actively the American market, which has more than 1,000 television stations and accounts for 50 per cent of the world television market.

Carlton also announced a £2.7m profit for the year compared with £1.7m last year. Mr Michael Green, chairman, said: "All divisions showed good growth.

York Stock Exchange were slightly higher in early trading with the Dow Jones industrial average up 1.5 points at 1,246. About 8 million shares had heen traded.

 Senior partners of Conrad Ritblat, the big commercial estate company, are in nego-tiations to buy out the major part of the 50 per cent shareholding owned by British Land and a deal could be struck by March. British Land yesterday declared its first interim dividend in more than a decade and reported a 6 per cent rise in half year pretax profits to £3.6m

Investor's Notebook, page 16 Rank Xerox has been released by the Government from some undertakings relating to the sale of plain paper copiers imposed after a 1976 Monopolies and Mergers Commission report found some sored by the Department of Rank Xerox trading practices Trade and Industry, the Scotwere against the public interest. Since then a big growth in competition in copiers has Department of Commerce, is eroded Rank's earlier domi- the work of Professor Neil nance of the market.

# Sarasin rescue 'should go to Dunlop board'

By Wayne Lintott

Samuel Montagu, merchant bank advisers to Pegi Malaysia Berhad, the group that holds just under 7 per cent of Dunlop, said yesterday that the rescue proposals from Sarasin Ledius with Sir Maurice over the talks with Sir Maurice over the proposals from Sarasin Inter-national Securities for Dunlop should, in the first instance, be made to the board of Dunlop.

Sarasin had said that its £40m rescue plan depended on the support of the Pegi group. Sarasin proposes to inject £40m cash into a new company, which would then make an all share offer for Dunlop.

The statement said that Pegi fully supported Sir Maurice Hodgson, the chairman of Dunlop.

But the Pegi representatives, in London for this week's Dunlop board meeting, made Dunlop.

proposals, but no statement was issued on the conclusions. Samuel Montagu also clari-fied Pegi's position over the now defunct plans for Pegi to buy out Dunlop's Malaysian

The bankers said that when the £55m deal to acquire Dunlop's Malaysian Industries failed last Friday it was mutually agreed that the proposed transactions should not

Pegi wishes to make clear that there are at present no group," he said. debts outstanding from Pegi to

# Lloyds spends £23m to lift stake in Royal Bank

By Peter Wilson-Smith Banking Correspondent

Lloyds Bank has spent £23m Lloyds Bank has spent £23m on increasing its stake in Royal Bank of Scotland Group from 16.4 per cent to 21.3 per cent, but denied any plans to make a bid. Lloyds said yesterday that the move was aimed at strengthening its position to gain the rest of Lloyds & Scottish, the finance house.

Lloyds, whose chairman is Sir Jeremy Morse, owns 60.3 per cent of the finance house at present and has long wanted to buy Royal Bank's 39.3 per cent stake. The two banks have been unable to agree a deal and Mr Brian Pitman, group chief executive of Lloyds, said it was worried that a third party would enter the frav.

"You can see that if a third party did come in and acquire a part of the Royal Bank of Scotland, this could give us some difficulty in acquiring the remaining part of Lloyds & Scottish. We feel that a larger holding in Royal Bank would help to secure our position," he

Although Lloyds approached Royal Bank with a view of taking it over before Royal Bank agreed to merge with

The Stock Exchange yester-

day announced the names of the first five lay members in its

history. The five outsiders - two

industrialists, a merchant

banker, an academic and a

pension fund manager - have

been appointed as part of the

wide-ranging package of re-forms agreed with the Govern-

ment earlier this year in the

controversial compromise on the future of the exchange.

The five are Mr Robin

Adam, deputy chairman of BP:

Mr Alan Clements, finance director of ICI; Mr John Hull,

deputy chairman of Schroders;

Mr Hugh Jenkins, director

general of investments at the

National Coal Board pension

Courtaulds

plans paint

buy-out

By Jeremy Warner

Courtaulds is planning to buy

out the publicly held minority

shareholding in its 88 per cent owned subsidiary, International Paint, the big industrial paints

and coverings group, in a deal

Negotiations between the two

companies and their advisers

on a fair price are at an

advanced stage and an an-nouncement is expected this

week. Courtaulds, the textiles

group, is expected to bid for the

publicly held with its own

The stock market appears to

have got wind of the buy-out. A halt was called to dealings in International Paints shares at

161p yesterday morning after

their price had begun to move

rapidly upwards in beavy

Just two years ago, the stock

market value of International

Paint was as big as that of

Courtaulds as a whole and it was regarded as the jewel in the crown of the ailing textiles

Since then, however, the fortunes of Courtauk's have

fortunes of Courtaulds have improved dramatically under the chairmanship of Mr Christopher Hogg and although International Paint has re-mained a highly profitable company, it has suffered from

the lower demand worldwide

A spokesman for Hill

Samuel, which is advising Courtaulds, said the buy-out

would resolve a long standing

anomoly. "There are bound to be differences between the

requirements of minority share

pany. To own 100 per cent of International Paint will give

Courtaulds more flexibility in

deploying the resources of the

International Paint is being

advised by S G Warburg.

for industrial paint.

group.

million shares which are

worth £14.5m.



Sir Jeremy Morse (left) and Mr Sidney Procter: no talks on Lloyds & Scottish

Pinnan was adament that a bid was not on the cards, although be did not rule out the possibility of buying more

However, the shake-up in financial markets and suspicion



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Commission

SE names lay members

fund; and Professor Robert

Jack, a partner of solicitors McGrigor Donald and part-

time professor of mercantile law

will become full members of the

Stock Exchange's council, at-

tending the fortnightly council

meetings and contributing to

the exchange's policy dis-cussions and decisions. Under

the agreement thrashed out

between the Government, the

Bank of England and the chairman of the Stock Ex-

change, Sir Nicholas Goodsion, the lay members are intended to

provide independent outside

advice and experience similar to that provided in industry by

sale of the diesel engine

company to Massey-Ferguson, the troubled tractor group, was

confirmed yesterday.

The agreement in principle

calls for £4,2m of the purchase

price to be paid over 24 months

in four instalments. The book

value of the Shrewsbury-based

diesel division is £31m and the business made a trading profit

last year before interest of

Rolls-Royce diesels will be-

come part of Massey's Perkins Engines Group of Peter-borough. The combined group

will have a range of engines from 30hp to 1,200hp.

In a joint statement, Mr

David Plastow, the managing

director and chief executive of

Vickers, the Rolls parent, and

Mr Victor Rice, chairman and

chief executive of Canadian-

based Massey, said: "This is the

most important strategic event

in the recent history of the

British diesel engine industry and lays a solid foundation for

The new owners said little,

however, to allay fears among

bring charges against Mr Ian Posgate and four former direc-

tors of the Alexander Howden

insurance group after an inves-tigation by the Lloyd's of

Mr Ian Davison, chief execu

tive of the Lloyd's market, confirmed yesterday that the

report on the Howden affair had

been received by the Lloyd's

investigations committee. The committee will decide early

next year whether to bring

charges against Mr Posgate.

London authorities.

its future development."

£1.7m.

As lay members, the five men

at Glasgow University.

Royal Bank's 1981 merger plans with Standard Chartered were thwarted when the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank put in a £500m bid and both takeovers were subsequently blocked by the Monopolies and Mergers

Standard Chartered in 1981, Mr that the British authorities bid speculation recently. This was one of the reasons

movements in its share price in

30 1981 to £10.8m the following year. But in the first half of 1982-83 profits picked up from

a takeover has helped to revive

Lloyds moved and its action fuelled speculation yesterday. Royal Bank's shares jumped 28p to a year's high of 202p. Royal Bank has consistently denied any knowledge of a predator and been unable to shed any light on the sharp

recent months.

The lay members will also

Mr Hull, a former director

general of the Takeover Panel,

been with the coal board since

more than 1,000 that more jobs

for the two (diesel) companies

are good with a strong potential

for the future. However, we are

still suffering from the wors

trading circumstances in living

memory and we must continue

to make cash savings as and

when they present themselves. As a result, the headcount figures must be under continu-

The Shrewsbury operation is to be called Perkins but initially

the Rolls-Royce name will

continue to be used on the

engines. Roll's diesel sales last

year were worth £60.9m com-pared with £294m for Perkins, but Rolls has a firm grip on the

big lorry sector with almost 40

per cent of British-built trucks

exceeding 28 tonnes gross vehicle weight fitted with a

Rolls six-cylinder Eagle series

Rolls is also a major Ministry

of Defence supplier, although the deal did not need govern-

ment approval, and provides

the engine for the Challenge

main battle tank and the new

Mr Davison also said that

charges had been agreed in connection with a separate

investigation into the Brooks &

Dooley syndicates and that the

disciplinary committee would begin proceedins next year.

In a separate statement Mr.

Davison announced that he

MCV 80 armoured vehicle.

ing review."

make up the Stock Exchange's membership appeal committee.

Rolls agrees £20m

diesel sell-off

By Our Industrial Correspondent

business of the Rolls-Royce car company to Massey-Ferguson. Massey said: "The prospects

Posgate decision soon

A decision will be taken in former star underwriter with the

the new year over whether to Howden group, and four former

The £20m cash deal for the the Shrewsbury workforce of

### went through. But the deal fell through. Lloyds paid 205p a share for the 11.25 million shares it bought in Royal Bank to take its stake up to 21.3 per cent. Japanese joint deal for Oxford

executive of Royal Bank, said

vesterday there were no talks going on about Lloyds & Scottish with Lloyds Bank

"They have always wanted Lloyds & Scottish. We hae made no secret of the fact that if

we could agree on a price we would sell," he said. He added that Lloyds & Scottish must be looking for improved profits and Royal Bank would not want

to sell at the bottom.

The finance house's profits

numbled from a peak of £29.2m

pretax in the year to September

Lloyds won control of Lloyds

& Scottish in March 1981 when

it launched a bid valuing the

group at £240m, immediately after Standard Chartered and

£6.5m to £10.6m.

By Andrew Cornelius

technology, yesterday an-nounced a joint venture to make its magnets in Japan.

It is to set up a manufactur-ing company with Furukawa Electric, in Japan, and Far East sales of about £300m are

London stock market in October, said that the Japaness market for the magnets, would match the US market by 1986. Oxford Technology, Dr Wiland deliver its first magnets in

negotiated with a leading Japanese company. Toshiba, Hitachi and Shimadzu are the three leading companies which have won

has no competition to supply the magnets, which make up about one-third of the final £700,000 cost of each scanner. However, he said, other

develop their own magnet technology and that the arrange-ment with a Japanese producer would make it easier to sell the Oxford products.

Furukawa's site at Chiba, 40 niles from Tokyo. Eventually 100 people will be employed by the company When shares in Oxford

ssues this year.

world-beating technology from humble beginnings when it was set up on a part-time basis by Dr Martin Wood, a Cambridge engineering graduate, 25 years

the magnet used in the new body scanners, which have made X-ray medical diagnosis

monitoring patients, for materials analysis, and control of industrial processes.

Sovereigns\* (new):
\$88.25-89.25 (262.25-63).

Excludes VAT struments and systems for

### Royal Bank announced merger Lloyds rapidly took its existing stake above 50 per cent through market purchases and subsequently agreed terms to buy Royal Bank's stake once the Standard Chartered merger

Instruments

Oxford Instruments, which makes a super magnet forming the core of body scanner

The company, Furukawaliams said, would manufacture Japan by the middle of next

Supply contracts have been

approval to sell the scanners in Japan.

companies were bound to try to

Production will be centred at

Instruments were offered on the stock market the sales were oversubscribed 9.2 times, making it one of the most popular

Its most famous product is

### **Index close** to 770

The equity market continued to scale fresh heights yesterday, with investors' demand for blue with investors' demand for blue chips showing few signs of being satisfied. The FT 30-share Index closed at its high for the day, 7.7 up at a record 769.8.

Benefiting from the thin conditions were Cadbury Schweppes, up 8p at 117p, Distillers 6p to 227p, GKN 6p to 177p, Imperial Group 3p to 137p, Lacas 7p to 168p, TI Group 6p to 170p and Vickers 6p to 128. Some swift footwork was needed by the jobbers to keep themselves out of trouble as the lack of sellers continued to cause them problems. to cause them problem

But with the Christmas celebrations continuing to dominate proceedings, turnover gen-erally remained low. Second-tine stocks showed few signs of support, except in the case of situations and trading results.

Gilts sported rises of up to £% in longs, helped by the continued rally in the value of sterling against the dollar. By the close, it showed a rise of 5 points to \$1.4190.

Applying received honeful

Analysts remained hopeful that the equity market can maintain its momentum in the New Year, but few of the big City institutions appear auxious to open new positions until after Christmas.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT index: 769.8 up 7.7 FT Gitts: 82.70 up 0.08 Bargains: 21,120 Datastream USM Leaders Index: 95.1 up 0.02 New York: Dow Jones Indus**trial Averag** 1245.73 up 1.12 Average: (latest) Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,627.93 up 81.74 Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 858.53 up 1.28 Amsterdam: 155.1 down 0.3 Sydney: AO Index 757.8 up

Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1021.2 up 2.9 Brussels: General Index 134.79 up 0.31 Paris: CAC Index 149.2 up

**CURRENCIES** 

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1.4190 up 5pts Index 81.9 down 0.2 DM 3.9275 down 0.0050

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### INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Bank base rates 9 Finance houses base rate 9% Discount market loans week fixed 8% 3 month interbank 91/18-97/1

**Euro-currency rates**: 3 month dollar 10% -10% 3 month DM 61/18-61/18 3 month Fr F 131/8-131/8 **US rates** 

Bank prime rate 11.00 Fed funds 93/8 lona Treasury 100%-100% **ECGD** Fixed Rate Sterling

Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period November 2 to December 6, 1983 inclusive: 9.350 per cent.

am \$375.40 pm \$378.10 close (£266-266.50) \$377.50-378.25 New York latest: \$377.75 Krugerrand\* (per coin): \$389-390.50 (£274.25-275.25)

higher target for next year and approach the challenge with confidence." J.P.N. Mengers, Chairman

rainwear and leisurewear for UK and export

produced locally in major world markets Distribution — The 'DAKS Companions' range of accessories

Results in brief 1983

Profit before tax Profit after tax Ordinary Dividends

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# Pattern of foreign investment in Britain is changing EEC multinationals look overseas

The Government has been warned in a new study of

tain over the next decade.

All the signs, say the study, are that higher levels of fixed, direct investment from EEC countries will be directed to non-European destinations; and that Continental European investment in Britain largely is aimed at supplying this market,

rather than acting as a supply The investigations, spontish Office, the Welsh Office and the Northern Ireland

Hood and Mr Stephen Youngm

project directors at Strathclyde University, and two project reseachers, Dr Alan Reeves and Mrs Margaret Milner.

Their 389-page report in-cludes a detailed survey of 140

The investment that is likely to come to Britain in the next decade may increasingly be in a different form, with greater emphasis on joint ventures, licensing and other cooperative forms of involvement, says the

a relatively recent phenomenon, the report finds difficulty in predicting the form it will take, even if a substantial flow

ment has shown a propensity towards joint ventures, but this is largely in developing coun-"Other low-risk strategies

investment into Europe in the light of international production experience within many Elsewhere, the report says that British agencies should conduct a comprehensive study of the relative effectiveness of

the British inward investment

since a growing proportion of

world trade and technological

innovation is associated with

the direct investment process.

A study is important, it says,

"Irrespective of the desirable effort placed on small-firm development in the next decade in the United Kingdom, inward direct investment will remain critical to the health of manufacturing industry."

stake of almost £20,800m in Britain's private sector.

Investment by overseas oil

£16,500m. \*Multinational

### would resign as chairman of the accounting standards com-mittee in July to concentrate on the Lloyd's job. Hambros halves

Australian stake Hambros Bank has com-pleted the sale of 50 per cent of its Australian subsidiary, Hambro Australia, in accordance with the assurances it gave the Australian Government five years ago when it set up the

Hambro Australia has increased in value from A\$2m (£1.25m) in 1978 to A\$24m. Ansett Transport Industries

the Australian independent airline, and Repeo Corporation, the automotive engineering group, have each acquired 20 per cent of the company. The Anstralian management had acquired 10 per cent with, Hambros London retaining 50 <del>per</del> cent.

Ansett and Repco will each appoint two directors to the board of Hambro Australia and are each injecting AS4m of new capital. The strengthening of the company will allow it to broaden existing operations and pursue new opportunities which are under investigation.

### said last night that the lay members included a number of big users of the stock market. Mr Adam, 60, is retiring shortly from BP and will be taking over as chairman of MEPC. Mr Clements has been at ICI since 1956. Prof Jack, a specialist in company law, is 55 and a lay member of the Council for the Securities Industry. Mr Jenkins, 50, is one of the best known pension fund managers in the City, and has been with the coal board since expected in the next decade.

Dr Peter williams, group managing director at Oxford, which was launched on the

**Sterling \$1.4195**Dollar DM 2.7660

**SDR** £0.731832

The company developed its

Other products include in

# -S.Simpson-... we have set ourselves a still

Principal Group Activities Manufacturing — DAKS menswear, womenswear,

Licensing — DAKS clothing and accessories

 Contract — Activon, suppliers of tailored clothing to Marks & Spencer Retailing — Simpson Piccadilly, London's leading speciality store

€,000 Year ended 31st July £.000 22,949 27,028 Earnings per share

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issue to raise £7.5m net at 300p

• Stock prices on the New

multinational investment strategies that it would be unjusti-fied to devote substantial resources towards attracting European investment into Bri-

point for wider market areas.

British of Irish-based affiliates of American or European multinational enterprises.

report.
The most substantial opportunity, say the authors, lies with Japan: "The size of this opportunity and the speed with which it develops is, however, dependent upon trends in trade policy and in exchange rates." Since Japanese direct investment in developed countries is

towards Europe begins. "Elsewhere, Japanese invest-

may be expected in Japanese Japanese corporations.

The report shows that by last year, foreign multinational companies had a direct capital

companies in the North Sea and by foreign banks has been growing rapidly but manufac-turing investment from abroad, which rose considerably in the 1970s, has been slowing down and between 1980 and last year increased only 9.3 per cent to

Strategies in the British Isles, HMSO (£15.95).

Land the property and undustrial group, has an interim dividend. It is a significant event for the company because it is the first half-year payout that British Land shareholders have received in more than a decade.

Assuming a same again final of 1.25p is paid, the interim of 0.50 implies a 40 per cent rise in the full year payout. But British Landshare price failed to respond to this news yesterday and closed unchanged at 101p and the stock market remains as uncertain as ever about the direction the company is taking.

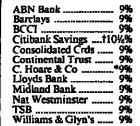
Half year pretax profits were up 6 per cent from £3.4m to £3.6m after a rise before interest of 16 per cent. The company has been spending heavily so the sharp rise in bank borrowing costs is not surprising.
In the United States, Growth

Realty, which has now changed its name to British Land of America, made a net gain in the quarter year to the end of September after the reorganization started 18 months ago when British Land acquired a minority interest in the company. British Land has also spent heavily on improving the length of leaseholds on its

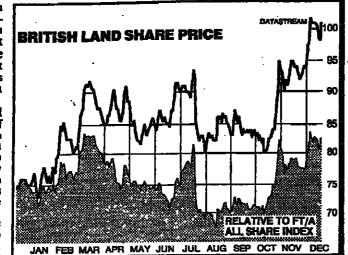
Profits from the industrial division were a little better at about £1.1m during the half year and gross rental income Finsbury Square development was up £im at £10.1m.

The profit from property and dealing in securities was roughly the same overall, with the fall in returns from trading offset by

### Base Lending Rates



7 day deposits an sums of under £10,000, 5\psi\_1; £10,000 up to £50,000. Gight: £50,000 and over, 7\psi\_4.



better housebuilding and property trading profits.

The group continues to rely heavily on these dealing profits as a source of revenue. Last year they accounted for about 42 per cent of group pretax profits and are likely to be only a little lower this time.

The exposure to dealing revenue is just one of the worrying features at British Land. Another is the apparent lack of direction at the group. The company has recently ventures as hotel building with Comfort Hotels, a new unit trusts group with Mr Brian Banks, partly funding a

and taking a 15 per cent stake in Dares Estates. Until some strategy is put forward to explain these and other moves, the shares will continue to look vulnerable, despite trading at a discount to net assets of 39 per cent, which is well above the sector average.

### Stenhouse

Shareholders of Stenhouse Holdings have until tomorrow afternoon to decide on the merits of one of the City's most peculiar takeover attempts for

The £53m bid for Stenhouse by Reed Stenhouse its 49 per cent-owned Canadian subsidiary, has been an embarrassment to the boards of both companies, particularly for those with seats in both boardrooms.

Both companies agree that a merger is the only sensible answer to the problems posed by the peculiar relationship between the two, but they

cannot agree on sensible terms. Stenhouse Holdings has, for many years, been little more than a small investment management office in Glasgow watching over the Reed Stenhouse investment and holdings in Noble Grossart, the mer-chant bank, and Stenhouse

Syndicates, the Lloyd's in-surance broking firm. Reed Stenhouse, in contrast, is a thriving Canadian insurance business which has been hampered in its development by its status as a subsidiary of Stenhouse Hold-

Despite the attractions of the Reed Stenhouse offer of one Reed Stenhouse ordinary share. plus 20p cash, for every five Stenhouse Holdings shares, the Stenhouse Holdings board re-fuses to let the Reed board get away with a deal which favours

Canadian shareholders They argue that the offer provides substantial benefits to Reed Stenhouse shareholders at the expense of Stenhouse Holdings shareholders.

While the Stenhouse board is prepared to accept on halfway house which would be of benefit to both sets of shareholders it will not accept a situation whereby the earnings of Sten-house increased by 11 per cent. Reed Stenhouse says that Stenhouse Holdings is unable to offer any alternative to the Reed Stenhouse bid and that no serious interest has emerged

from another potential bidder. Early indications are that the initial offer from Reed Stenhouse will fail, winning support from 40 per cent of shareholders

### **COMPANY NEWS**

IN BRIEF Cifer, the Melksham, Wiltshire. designer and manufacturer of microcomputers and micro-

Group profit 529 (519) after all

charges, interest 71 (15), de-

preciation 176 (151) and tax 77 (140). EPS – basic 6.19p (6.07p) and fully diluted 4.38p (4.3p).

Interim dividend unchanged at

to Sept 30, 1983. Figures in Irish £000s. Turnover 4,835

(3,541). Pretax profit 510 (340).

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Scotts Restaurant: Half-year to

June 30, 1983. Turnover £1.56m, (£1.37m). Pretax profit

Real Time Control: Half-year to

Sept 30, 1983. No interim

payment. Directors intend to

recommend a net dividend of

2p for full year. Figures in £000s. Turnover 1,754 (1,363).

Belgrave (Blackheath): Half-

year to July 31, 1983. Figures in £000s. Turnover 1.317 (1,567).

Alliance Investment: Half-year

to Oct. 31, 1983. Figures in

£000s. Franked income 452

(396). Unfranked income 523

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and interest 563 (272). Pretax

profit 412 (580). Interim pay-

ment effectively unchanged at

Profit before tax 18 (loss 48).

£1 l 5,000 (£76,000).

Pretax profit 415 (407).

processor-based computer video terminals, which joined the USM in June, reports pretax profits of £1.352m for the year to September 30, 1983 (1982: £851,000). At the time of issuing its prospectus, Cifer forecast profit before tax would not be less than £1.35m. As declared in the prospectus, the company does not intend recommending a dividend, but definitely out. still expects to pay one for the

current year. Sheafbank Property Trust has agreed to buy Gradeland Securities, a Manchester property company. Price: 4.54 million new ordinary shares. Gradeland's net assets of £727,000 at March 31. After takeover and proposed rights issue, sellers of Gradeland will hold 40.2 per cent of Sheafbank's enlarged ordinary capital. Sheafbank proposes to reduce its issued capital from £1.2m, divided into 25p shares, to £482,000 in 10p shares. Board is conditio-

nally proposing a rights issue of two new ordinaries for every five shares held at 16p each, and will raise about £308,000 before budget deficit-"Well, remember, balancing expenses. Batleys of Yorkshire: Half-year to October 29, 1983, compared with half-year to September 30. 1982. Figures in £000s. Group turnover 77,306 (60,568).

# rescued US

we can pay our bills. Now, as quickly as we can get back to a pay-as-you-go basis, the freer the world will feel about this whole affair."

This is not a model economic reasoning. President Eisenhower was clearly ignorant about the subtle potentialities of later doctrines, whether supplyside, neo-Keynesian or more forthrightly quackish. He liked pay-as-you-go because it conformed to notions of elementary decency, not least decency

macroeconomics courses were dominated by ideas such as fiscal fine-tuning and "functional finance", which involved the systematic variation of budget deficits to counter the business cycle. If an economist had given a lecture with a justification of balanced budgets as naive as the President's,

# **Economics Commentary by Tim Congdon**

# Triumph of the old fogeys

economic policy. It may be defined as the selection of policy rules because they appeal to basic moral intuitions, not because they have intellectual plausibility. Other "isms", like monetarism and Keynesianism, may be very much in contention, but old fogeyism is

The late 1950s was perhaps the last time that American policy was determined by old fogevite principles. Whatever else he has been accused of no one has suggested that President Eisenhower was intellectually sophisticated. He chose policies not just because smart-alec advisers had persuaded him that they were clever, but also because they seemed honest and

His attitude towards fiscal policy illustrates the point effectively. At a news conference on March 4, 1959, this is how he answered a question on why he attached so much importance to eliminating the

the budget is not of interest mercly to ourselves. Our friends, the nations with whom we trade, the nations that are increasingly using the dollar as a medium of exchange, they are interested in the knowledge that

### Invisibles surplus current account

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would have greeted it with

derision.
Today. President Eisenhower looks increasingly wise and fiscal fine-tuning, with its many derivatives, increasingly silly. High-powered economic theoreticians are now trying to develop analytically rigorous demonstrations that deficits have very unfavourable long-run effects on the economy. Mr Martin Feldstein, chairman of the US Council of Economic inevitable increase in interest Advisers, has produced some of payments on the national debt.

his original work in this area. But President Reagan is not interested. A budget deficit of known to bankrupts and usur-more than \$170 billion is in ers, where it is borrowing in prospect for the 1984 fiscal year, with perhaps bigger numbers in later years. Despite this, he has made no promises about restoring budgetary equilibrium. Indeed, he has given few signs that he considers the deficit a

serious problem. His indifference in altogether surprising. When a country runs a large budget deficit it also normally has a large balance-of-payments deficit. The payments deficit than causes currency depreciation

and higher inflation. The President's budget deficit has been associated as the conventional logic would imply, with a serious deterioration in the American balance of payment. But it has also coincided with a phase of remarkable dollar strenght on the foreign exchanges. The dollar's behaviour has been helpful for the control of American inflation rather than the reverse. The dollar's strength

merally regarded as a puzzle, but there is agreement that heavy capital inflows to the US. have been an essential support. Investment money is being channelled towards the US, financing the current account deficit and enabling the American people to enjoy an armaments boom, an import boom a consumption without paying the bill.

standpoint, the combination of an overvalued currency and a vast budget deficit is ideal. It should hardly need comment. Let alone emphasis, that the present stance of American financial policy is unsustai-nable. One method of showing this is to extrapolate the present budget deficit by adding on the

presidential election next year

president Reagan has nothing to

worry about. From a political

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But there is an alternative approach. It is to examine the structure of the United States balance of payments in recent years and to project its evolution

The current account position as a whole was satisfactory between 1975 and 1982. But several types of transaction contributed to this result. The salient feature is that, while the trade position was sliding steadily for eight years, the current account was rescued by a rising surplus on invisibles. In particular, there was a strong improvement in investment income. This reflected profits and interest the United States received from the substantial body of foreign assets it built up in the 1950s, 1960s and early 1970s. Without these receipts there would have been current account deficit of about \$200 billion over the 1975-82 period instead of an approximate balance.

In 1983, the trade gap has widened sharply. The trade deficit is likely to total \$70 billion and the current account deficit almost \$40 billion.

The disturbing possibility now emerging is that the surplus on investment income will be eliminated and replaced by a deficit. The reason is simple. If this continues until the Financial policy has become so

deficit has reached such pronortions that foreigners are accumulating many more assets in the United States than

Americans are accumulating abroad. The foreigners expect an income on their investments. If the current account deficit

continues, the United States will eventually become a net debtor to other countries By then the transparency of -

President Reagan's fiscal proramme will be obvious to all The capital flows in the dollardenominated assets have been largely motivated by the common perception of the United States as a safe haven in a troubled world. But, if it were to hecome a significant net debtor, perceptions would change.

The American government would be in an awkward spot. Once the capital inflows stopped the budget deficit would have to be financed wholly from internal sources instead of to a large extent from abroad. It is difficult to see how, in view of the inadequacy of domestic savings flows this could be done without monetia. tion of debt - and so return to

rapid inflation.

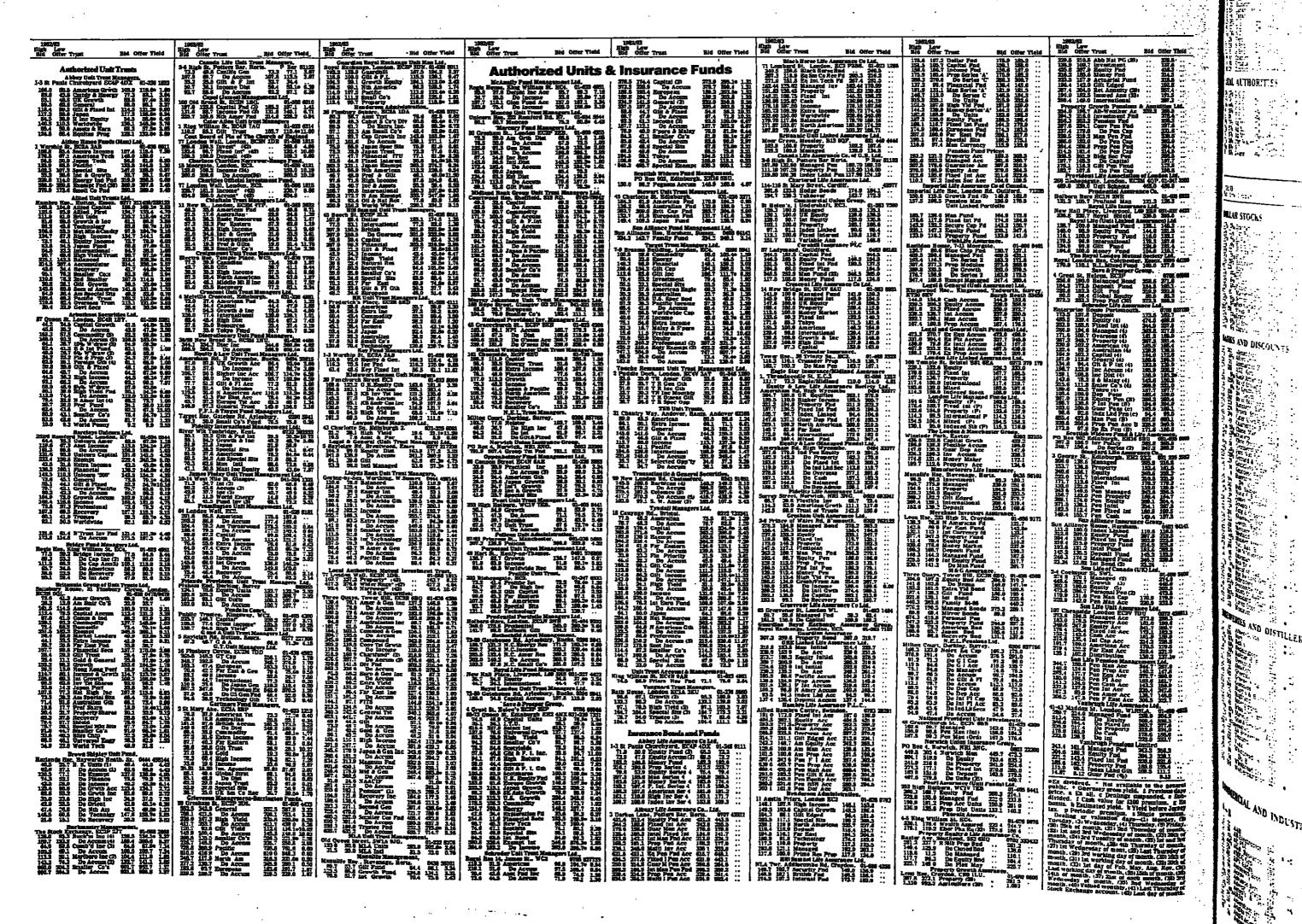
When President Eisenhower wrote his memoirs in 1965 he felt he should respond to complaints that his fiscal policy

### Eisenhower looks wiser and fiscal fine-tuning silly

had been too restrictive. In his view, "critics overlooked the inflationary psychology which prevailed during the mid-lifties and which I thought it necessary to defeat. In 1957, for example, consumer prices were rising at an unacceptably high annual rate of 3.2 per cent. Ten years of this could devalue the dollar more than 30 per cent while ifthe rate accelerated, we would have had an entirely intolerable situation on our hands".

He continued: "The antiinflation battle is never-ending though I fear that in 1959 the public was apathetic, at least uninformed, regarding this issue. This attitude caused me to recall a laconic comment of Winston Churchill when someone asked him during World War Two what the allies were fighting for 'If we stop', he replied, 'you will find out' The author is economics partner

at stockbroker L Messel & Co.



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th Virani had sold its entire stake, amounting to 10.5 per cent othe equity, through Bank of Credit and Commerce International. Broker Williams de Broe placed the 1.39 million shares for an undisclosed sum de Broe placed the 1.39 million shares for an undisclosed sum less than a month after Mr Nazmu Virani the Ugandan Asian owner, emerged as a major shareholder in Norfolk. It now looks as thoiugh Mr Virani is focusing his interest on Mr Eric Morley's Belhaven Mr Eric Morley's Belhaven be bid for. nobody has told me". Mr Eric Morley's Belhaven Brewery in which he has bought

Virani recently paid £4.6m for 21 British Rail hotels and seemed an ideal match for Norfolk which owns a further 10 hotels, including the Royal Court in Stores Source and the Norfolk Hotel in Kensington.

MARKET REPORT • by Michael Clark

# Virani sells Norfolk stake

about 6 million shares, or 31 per cent of the total, closed unchanged at 39p.

The rest of the equity market maintained its record breaking

There is a growing belief among the institutions that MY Dart, the sports equipment and packbe hid for, nobody has told me".

blue chips showing few signs of being satisfied. The FT index closed 7.7 up at a new high of 769.8.

Costa. There were also vague rumours that Distillers, 6p higher at 227p, was casting an appreciative eye over Tate & Lyle, 8p dearer at 373p.

Only last week a line of 2.75 million shares in Tate & Lyle, believed to be owned by Hanson Trust, were placed in the market with an unnamed One of the biggest gains among the top 30 was in TI Group, op higher at 170p still

reflecting the appointment of Mr Ronald Utiger as chairman. This will come as good news for broker Laing & Cruickshank, which has been a buyer of the shares since September. According to Laing, there is still a "lot of recovery potential" left in the shares. For the current year the analysts are looking for pre tax profits of between £16m and

leading oil shares this week resulting in bigger costs for investors. BP lost 5p at 388p, Britoil 5p at 181p, Shell 10p at 548p and Ultramar 7p at 597p. Burnah was the only big producer to resist the trend, climbing another 5p to 175p on bid speculation. engineering and domestic prodoil shares were again weak after fears that world oil prices could soon be set to fall. This

bid speculation.

A rise of 5 points in sterling against the dollar to £1.4190 on the foreign exchange continued to breathe new life into gilts. Dealers reported rises of up to the long while at the shorter The renewed flow of money into the coffers of the building societies has focused attention. on the private housebuilders. Laing & Cruickshank, the stockbrokers has taken a shine £1, in longs while at the shorter end the gains were limited to £1/16 where changed.

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stockbrokers, has laken a shine to Crest Nicholson, which it says has been overlooked by the recent recovery in building shares. The profus slide in the current year has already been discounted and Laing is looking to pretax profus of £8.5m next year against £6.7m in 1982. The shapes were unchanged at 97n The Christmas spending spree in the shops was good news for the big retailers where stock shortages added 5p to Comet Group at 313p, 2p to Great Universal Stores 'A' at Great Universal Stores 'A' at 620p, 4p to H. Samuel at 133p News that Lloyds Bank, shares were unchanged at 97p. follows the decision of two big

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been less traumatic than expected," said Mr Hay.

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APPOINTMENTS

appointed a director of Charter hall Oil Mr Alan T. Morton retires from the board of

Charterhall Oil after his ap-

pointment as operations direc-tor of Charterhall Australia, the

groups recently acquired Aus-

Geoffrey Clarke who is retiring.

Mr Ellis Davenport, Mr Tony Northcott, Mr Fred Perryman and Mr Carl Wheldrake, at

present regional directors, have

been appointed assistant man-

aging directors with special

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**COMMODITIES** 

been implemented.

By Vivien Goldsmith Stoddard Holdings, the All the factories in the group troubled Scottish carpet manu- have increased output to meet facturer, is inching its way higher demand. The rise in towards profitability. It cut borrowings from more than

pretax losses in the first six £4m to more than £5m is in months of the year from more anticipation of further rationalization and reorganization. The Mr Gordon Hay, the chairman, said the company could well be trading in the black by completed in October. the end of the financial year.

probably still be in the red. The trading loss for the first half was cut back from £543,000 to £164,000. The group is ahead of the targets set by a three-year recovery plan put into opera-tion by Mr Hay last year.

But the pretax figures would

"We are in front of our timescale, so we are hoping to cut it down to 2.5 years or something of that order," said

Turner has been appointed

treasurer, responsible for the

bank's money market division. He succeeds Mr Albert Agar

Freemans: Mr Anthony

Rampton, chairman, will retire

after the annual meeting on May 31, next. Mr John Broo-

man has been made a director

from January 1. He will be

deputy chairman until taking

over Mr Rampton as chairman

Jeremy Campbell succeeds Mr

Leslie Sarl as secretary from

Charterhall: Mr Maxwell F.

Shepherd and Mr John A.

Brimley are being appointed

directors from January 1. Mr

Julius Levinkind is retiring as a

director but will continue as a

consultant. Mr Robert C. O.

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### The magnificent young man on the high-flying ization and reorganization. The 10-metre board integration of Stoddard Carpets with Templeton Carpets was

merged, and most of the 180 redundancies announced have achievement this year took merger with Templeton has place almost unobserved in the past week. Christopher Snode, possibly our best ever diver, Stoddard has a healthy order performed for the first time a book, particularly in the woven feat unique in his sport, which and bonded market, but although trends look favourable may help him gain an Olympic

For a year Snode has been preparing, on a dry board in Florida gymnasium, a front one and half somersault with four twists. It has taken a year, working with a controlling harness on a pulley with his American coach Steve McFarland, to gain the millimetres of refinement and compact control of his body which would permit an extra twist to the three he had already mastered.

The potential danger is almost as great as a trapeze artist's. With the body entering the water at 35 to 40 miles an hour, any rotational error can increase the impact of head or legs to 60 to 70 mph, rupturing an eardrum or dislocating a

There were two reasons for Haden Young: Mr Derek returning home for a week from Gillingham becomes managing Miami, where he is sponsored director on January 1. He was primarily by the Sports Aid previously deputy managing Foundation: to see his parents director and now succeeds Mr

Snode: crazy type of sanity

season has thrown up some strange anomilies. No fewer than 13 present

club coaches not taken an official coaching course, among them the

present Great Britain coach. Frank

Myler. Roger Millward (Hull Kingston Rovers) and Arthur Bunting, from the League cham-pions, Hull, must also "go back to school" before the start of the 1986-

Myler said yesterday: "Obviously

I welcome the course. The reason I have not attended a full coaching course in the past is that I have

always been too busy with a commission agent's business in

Widnes. However, I think it could

be an excellent idea. One of the problems for acoach is occupying the time of players successfully for

two hours on two evenings a week

without them getting bored and stale. A properly conducted and

instructive course will teach not only tactics, but fitness standards and leadership."

and leaderson.

The decision by the Rugby League Council was greeted with strong reservations by the coach of the current first division leaders,

Bradford, Northern, the outspoken Peter Fox. While giving a guarded

welcome to the scheme, will be under the supervision of the

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

Top flight coaches are

ordered back to school

The inisistence that rugby league that any coach who does not attend club coaches must attend a course will be sacked by his club qualifying course before the 1986-87 on the instructions of the League or

management

course next May.

been announced.

One of the more spectacular before they went away on moments of British sporting holiday and to utilize the compressed air cushion available at the Crystal Palace diving pool in overcoming the psycho-logical barrier of his first "wet" attempt from over 30 feet.

> The crucial factor is for the diver to reduce his physical size as much as possible because the centrifugal force of each twist tends to throw the limbs outwards. It took professional circus acrobats 30 years to perfect the quadruple trapeze

"It took me three hours to get psyched up for the attempt, for something no one has ever seen before," Snode said. "It is a strange feeling at the back of the tower', before the run-up, you feel vulnerable when you can the wind rushing past your ears and then you are tumbling and turning, finally trying to get your hands together before you hit the water like a cyclist running into a wall. "When I'd done it there was

an incredible feeling. I was shaking, there were tears in my eyes, yet it was as if I had ed a dam. I know, now, I can do it, that I can begin practising it regularly, and that maybe it will push me up into the 9s for the marking in Los Angeles, where all those in the final will be sure of 8s." In the World Student Games

in Edmonton last summer a Russian diver became the first to die in competition after hitting his head on the board in the middle of a reverse three and a half somersault from the tower: closeness to the board, as with the bullfighter, is part of the refinement. On the same day Snode struck his head in Innsbruck, performing a reverse two and a half somersault pike.

league council? Who will supervise the courses in addition to Phil

Larder, and will the courses widen out into such subjects as man

and therefore unaffected by the new ruling, said the League must state clearly what would be involved in a

coaching course, and who would

David Howes, the league's public

relations officer, made it clear that

those who have had a minimum of

or an international appointmen

will be able to qualify by attending a

Great Britain are to play 25

matches on next summer's tour of Australia. The party fly out to Australia on May 13, move on to New Zealand in early July and visit

Papua New Guinea for the first ever

test between the two sides before returning home on August 9. The four Australian dates have already

The rest of the games are:

Fox, already a grade one coach

He once broke both wrists when the water thrust his hands against the top of his skull. Yet

Snode in a don't-forget-the-diver pose at Crystal Palace

he smiles; though he thinks diving "needs a bit of bottle", he denies that it is dangerous and offers somebody else's maxim - "it needs a crazy type of sanity".

Brian Phelps, star of the 1960s, is remembered as Britain's best from 10 metres; but Snode excels at both the 10metre and three-metre spring-board. If there were a combined medal, as in gymnastics, he would be a strong challenger to Greg Louganis, of the United States, the double world champion of 1982, when Snode was eighth in both as well as Commonwealth Games gold medallist. In this year's European he was fourth (10 metres) and third (springboard).

A particularly gauche piece of publicity handout last week caused him some embarrassment with its clumsy talk of finance; but Snode, returning develop his particularly strong

**RACKETS** 

Baily is the

conqueror

Cup began yesterday at Queen's Club with a match of excellent

quality between Pete Baily, of Eton and Simon Miller, of Haileybury. In

Ellis, the Haileybury professional, whose son, Richard, the Middlesex

snatching at the ball and playing injudicious drop shots to lose the fourth 15-7.

In the final game, Baily led 9-4, then Miller had a run of serve to

lead 12-9. At 13-all Miller chose set

to three, which he lost to love.

An impressive performance was given by Edmund Popplewell of

opponent in outstanding form.

public schools singles onship for the H. K. Foster

yesterday to Miami with no hands and arms. He took up more than a single loose bag of diving when he was 11, finding possessions, is particularly grateful to the SAF, the Sports Council, the Haverhill council and sponsored swims by children of this local Essex schools. He believes British coaching and facilities are first class but the imbalance of part-time coaching only in the evening,

He spent four years at Florida University, gaining a degree in graphics design, wasted a year trying to work and dive virtually impossible" - and went back to full-time training for the Olympics, living with a Canadian family whose son is also a diver.

forces him to America

He probably does 60,000 practice dives in a year as well as training on trampoline, road running, "quick-twitch" jumps, weights and handstands to

he ws not much good at team games. "As a goalkeeper, I could dive to the ball - but it tended to go through my

He loves his sport for its fun, its exhibitanting feeling of flying, and for having introduced a new technique - "though next year they'll probably have 3,000 Chinese doing it, but not in time for Los Angeles."

Snode thinks that at 24 he is a more mature competitor than in the Moscow Olympics, where he was unjustly criticized for coming ninth and sixth. "I won't brag that I'll win but I think I ought to get a medal, to show those Americans". If not, he will probably take up ski acrobatics or hang gliding. With

David Miller

CRICKET

# Imran needs a longer pause for reflection

It is sad that Imran Khan's autobiography Imran (Pelham Books, £7.95) should come out at a sooks, £7.95) should come out at a time when injury prevents him from being seen in his pomp. Were it not for the fact that he is good publishers' material, it would be tempting to ponder whether this book has been rushed out before fond memories of his brilliance begin to fade. Hopefully he will attain it again. Age, though is no a see-saw contest Baily won by keeping his head when faced with an Miller, who is coached by Peter attain it again. Age, though is no longer on his side.

cricketer, is the only player to have won the Foster Cup three times in a row, is known as one of the hardest hitters in the schoolboy game. A left-hander with good footwork, he coils his wrist and, leaning on the ball, unleashes whipped shots with The book has been rushed out, in 163 pages, one thought spilling into the next. This is strange, for Imran, in addition to his fine cricketing ability and charisma, is a learned no margin for error just above the man, an Oxford graduate, who was never out of the library in his early But Miller is a Jeky!! and Hyde days. He was not one to pick daisie character. Having won the first game 15-3, he lost the second 3-15; or loaf around at third man. A he recovered his dominance to win the third 15-2, and went to pieces

reflective mind absorbed detail that later was to aid his captaincy. So this, then, becomes

another autobiography of just another cricketer, which, of course, Imran is not. If such comparisons

think they are), he was certainly a better all rounder than Botham and Kapil Dev before the shin trouble, which has prevented him from bowling began early this year. Far from entering he debate, he shows only generosity towrds them. Much of Imaran's career has been well chronicled elsewhere: his

affluent upbringing, his family's pride (Majid Khan is his cousin), his success in England in 1982, the playboy image (which he tones down here, doubtless to the publishers' dismany). The dominant theme, while discussing all this, is the gradual improvement of his bowling. He always had faith in his batting so consistent these days.

What is new is the account of his "year of rows" - why he left Worcestershire why he held the Pakistan selectors to ransom for more money, why he joined Packer At the time he was far from being a great cricketer, and was perhaps fortunate to get away with all three, Luckily, cricket, in the long run, has benefited.

# Captain under pressure

Khan, who in normal circumstances would probably have missed the Pakistanis match against South-West New South Wales at Griffith, which starts today, will use it as a vital step towards regaining full

Imran, who played his first match of the tour against Tasmania over the weekend after receiving special-ist advice on his injured left shin, is still not certain to play on the Fourth Test starting here on Boxing

form in the one day game today. Obviously I need all the match "Obviously I need all the match practice I can get" Imran said. "I won't be bowling but batting at number four or five."

Imran said he was not discouraged by scoring only 13 and 19 against Tasmania. "I felt comfortable when batting." he said.
South-Wast NSW tromt: G Bennett. P Duck. B McDonald. I Rosenow, T Harper, D Jackson, J Gannon, W Lamont, P Davles, C Patterson, T Purcal, D Irvine.
Pakistan from: Imran Khan, Zaheer Abbes, Wasim Bari, Mudassar Nazar, Nohsin Kahn, Wasm Raja, Tahr Nangosh, Casim Omar, Mansoor Akthar, Rashid Khan, Sahr Melik, ISartraz Nawaz, Mohammad Nazar.

Inverarity: overhauled Brad-

Inverarity's

run record

Sydney, (Reuter) - John Inverari-ty, the captain of South Australia, has overtaken Sir Donald Brad-man's record of runs scored in Sheffield Shield cricket, but regards

it as an act of "sacrilege".

Inveranty, aged 39, was out after

playing only one scoring shot in South Australia's second innings

against New South Wales yesterday. The square cut for four off the off-spinner Holland took his total of

shield runs to 8.929 compared with Bradman's 8,926. Inverarity whose

Shield batting average is 39.99 needed 146 matches and 258

innings to pass the record which Bradman (average 110.20) set in 62 games and 96 innings.

games and 96 innings.
"I am conscious of how few innings Sir Donald took, and I feel humble," Inverarity said, he agreed with Greg Chappell, who is close to overtaking Bradman's Test aggregate. "Greg said it was sacrilege to talk about overhauling Bradman.

talk about overhauling Bradman,

### SCORE (After two races): New Zeeland 206 pts: Britain 167 pts; Papus New Guines 153 pts. **TENNIS Dowdeswell** in Cup team

Colin Dowdeswell will make his first international appearance for Britain when he competes in the King's Cup in Essen. West Germany, from January 16 to 22. Dowdeswell, who has moved more than 40 places up the world rankings to 31 following a successful 10th recently in South Africa, was chosen to the contraction.

recently in South Africa, was chosen yesterday, as were Christopher Mottram and Jeremy Bates, the young Surry player who is based in Solihull. A fourth player will be added to the team later.

Dowdeswell, aged 28, was born in Wimbledon, but was brought up in Rhodesia and played in the Davis Cup for that country before it became Zimbabwe. For the last few years he has lived in Switzerland, and earlier this year won the Swiss national championship. He was cleared recently by the International Tennis Federation to play for Britain.

Paul Hutchins, the British team manager, said: "His presence will obviously strengthen our team. Although Mottram bas stopped playing international Grand Prix. Doubt a property of the control of the co tournaments, I still feel that his standard is good enough to play in such team matches, providing he is keen to practice and train hard. Unfortunately John Lloyd is unavailable due to tournament commitment in the United States.

The King's Cup has a new formal this year. Instead of matches being played with home and away legs the whole competition will be contested. over one week. Britain will play in the first division alongside West Germany, the holders, Russia. Sweden, Czechoslovakia and lit-

land.

SANTIAGO, (Reuter) - Jame Fillol has been appointed Chile's Davis Cup coach for next year's American zone competition. Fillol will replace Luis Arraya, whose team were defeated 4-1 by Britain in October in a claw-off feet headed. October in a play-off for the right to stay in the championship division in 1984. Chile will meet Colombia

# I ne rest of the games are; July 10 v New Zesland Maorie (Whengarel); July 14 v New Zesland, First Test (Aucidend); July 15 v Northern Districts (Huntely); July 18 v Central Districts (Wellington); July 29 v New Zesland, Second Test (Cirristchurch); July 29 v New Zesland, Second Test (Cirristchurch); July 29 v New Zesland, third Test (Aucidend); July 31 v Aucidend (Aucidend); August 5 v Papus New Galnes, Test (Mount Hagen); August 8 v District Selection (Port Morestry). Radley, brother of Somerset county cricketer Nigel, who beat Nicholas Shaw of Tonbridge 15-11, 15-6, 15-1, serving well and striking the ball with fine strokes. 'Buzzer' Hadingham takes over as chairman at Wimbledon

# Literary man follows a passage down the corrider of power

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

Burnett is smart or lucky or both.
Anyone who is chairman of the All
England Lawn Tennis Croquet Club
and the Wimbledon management
committee has to regard it as no committee has to regard it as no more than an even money bet that he will get out of the job voluntarily, rather than retiring hurt. That is what Sir Brian proposes to do when he retires today. After 23 years on the All England club committee and 10 as chairman he will hand over to an extraordinary man an extraordinary man

R. E. H. 'Buzzer' Hadingham.

who retired from Slazenger on Who retured from Stazetiger on November 30 after 50 years with the company is extraordinary on many counts. For one thing this former army officer's bundle of names includes (at the behest of his father, a navy man) those of a famous reduced. Heavier who admiral. Edward Hawke, who sorted out the French at Quiberon Bay. But when Hadingham was born 'Buzzer' was the closest his brother, aged two, could get to the word 'brother'. The nickname stude and its connotations a whiceless and its connotations - a whistle or hooter summoning people to work -are not inappropriate to the roles Hadingham played with Slazenger and the army and the role he is about to play at Wumbledon.

Hadingham was born at The Hague because his father, then serving in the Royal Navy, was cut off by the Germans and found refuge in the Netherlands where his wife initial him Vanne Parass refuge in the Netherlands where his wife joined him. Young 'Buzzer' went into the Territorial Army in 1938 and became a licutenant colonel in an antitank regiment. Thanks to a chance posting he emerged from the war with a permanent interest in ancient Assyria and became sufficiently Assyria and became sufficiently expert on the subject to make it the theme of learned papers. These he read to "The Sette of Odd Volumes" a dining club founded by an



Hadingham: starts today ntiquarian bookseller in 1878. Members had nicknames associated

Members had nicknames associated with their trades. Hadingham's is 'Racketeer'. Wimbledon's new chairman also has a gift for verse ('I sometimes find it a very good way to round off speeches') and has had a collection published privately.

After all this it is merely a question of dotting the Fs and crossing the Ts to note that the Dutch born versifyer and wit with a naval and military background, and a special knowledge of Assyria, has a Canadian wife, a Wimbledon home and a reputation for fund raising: and a reputation for fund raising notably as chairman of the Lawn Tennis Foundation whose tasks include tennis development among national youth organizations and the charity Sparks (Sportsmen Pledged to Aid Research into Crippling). In assembling stock for the Wimbledon shop he has also helped to finance the Wimbledon

Hadingham is, in short, a lot of men rolled into one dapper package.
He is so breezy and so young in all but age (he was 68 on December 6) that if there are any cobwebs left at Wimbledon it is unlikely that they

with Slazenger he was immersed in international sport and business and men and women common to both: in the process he earned respect and affection. This experience and those contacts will be of value when he takes charge of the game's most famous club and its most famous Hadingham was, and is, tough

Hadingham was, and is, tough but the spirit of laughter is never far from the surface. One interesting effect of this many sided person-alities is that the toughness and sharp wits underlying his bubbling charm and impish sense of humour may inhibit those who disagree with him. They may suspect, deep down that they are wrong - and that Hadingham will have the last laugh iyway. Had<u>ineham</u> will differ sharply,

for neither better nor worse from his predecessor. Sir Brian took over on the death of Herman David in 1974, a year after that historic boycott. In the years between there has been a quiet revolution at Wimbledon. Sir Brian has been a leader who has led well: during a difficult challenging decade in which the Wimbledon championships have respected the game's traditions and their own, while moving with the times so efficiently that they have remained the first among equals.

Sir Brian's shyness at once engaging and misleading has sometimes suggested that he was standoffish. This was unjust. He enjoyed people and wanted to enjoy them more but by nature and background he was not sufficiently extrovert to combine the role of leader with that of 'one of the boys'. Sir Brian and Hadingham have much in common in that they are natural leaders and men of acumen and high principles - qualities shared by Mark Cox who has been nominated to replace Sir Brian on the committee.

# **Spinners** hold key

Johannesburg (Reuter) - Two spin bowlers have been included in the South African XI squad from which the tearn will be chosen for the first two four-day matches against the West Indian cricketers. Kourie, a left-arm spinner, and Hobson, with his leg breaks, will provide a twin his leg breaks, will provide a twin threat to the touring team, who have shown themselves to be suspect against spin. Both have had marked success against them, Hobson taking 12 wickets in their match against Western Province and Kouric being the chief wicket-taker in the second innines. wicket-taker in the second innings in the game against Transvaal. The opening four-day game in the

four-match series starts in Durban on Friday and the second a week later in Cape Town. Procter has been dropped from the South African side which lost

the first one-day match
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TRIVANDRUM, India (AP) —
An elegant An elegant century by Jignesh Sangani helped the Indian under-22 team to score 239 for eight on the 

D Monarity nun out. Balker Singh b Herper Manoj Prabheker c Harper b Gome D Yadav c Daniel b Gomez

Total (eight witts) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-61, 3-000, 4-188, 5-187, 8-202, 7-227, 8-238, BOWLING: Holding, 5-2-14-1; Davis, 16-5-39-0; Baptiste, 9-1-23-1; Daniel, 10-1-41-0; Harper, 28-4-88-1; Gornez, 16-4-32-3.

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Australia give their

YACHTING

rivals

leeway

By Barry Pickthall

The first Australian defence of the

America's Cup, won last September by Alan Bond's controversial wing-keeled challenger Australia II, will

start in February 1987 over an

Olympic course set 16 kilometres to

the north of Freemantle, in Western

Australia.
This was confirmed earlier this

week by Peter Danziell, Commodore of the Royal Perth Yacht Club, holders of the trophy. He added that the club has retained 12 metre yachts as the defending class.

Danziell also announced that the

deadline for challenge entries has been extended from January 31 to

April 30 1984, following pleas from

American syndicates that more time was needed to raise the £4,225,000 (\$6m) necessary to mount individ-

Six US syndicates have expressed

Six US syndicates have expressed interest in sending challengers to Perth, including the New York Yachi Club, whose members are still smarting over their first defeat in the 132 year history of the Grp. Other American challengers could come from the Yacht Clubs of San Diese Long Beach & Francis

Diego. Long Beach, St. Francis, Waikiki in Hawaii, and New Bedford in Massachussetts.

Other foreign interest has been

shown by two syndicates in Italy, Peter de Savary's British Victory group, and others in Canada, France, Denmark, Germany, Holland, New Zealand and Japan.

The problem facing most of these

the problem accurations or mese challengers, however, is raising the multimillion pound sponsorship deals necessary to mount a successful campaign at a venue one

potential skipper describes as being the last outpost of the western

lation of only 1.2m, and without the promise of live television coverage

in America and elsewhere of both

the trials and final races, few

companies can see a worthwhile

return being gained from their

is intense, with separate syndicate

groups being set up in Queensland, Victoria, Adelaide and Perth, most of whom have approached Australia II's designer, Ben Lexcen, to produce similar wing-keeled designs

Peter de Savary is not expected to

announce whether he will challenge again for Britain until returning

 With two races now completed in the Southern Cross Cup being sailed off Sydney, Australia, the

British team have improved their overall standing from fourth to second (John Robertson writes). The three British yachts were all well placed in the one hundred and

eighty mile short offshore race which finished yesterday. Panda, Peter Whipp's yacht, and

Indulgence, skippered by Graham Walker, were fourth and fifth across the finishing line, only eighteen' seconds apart. However on cor-

rected time Panda dropped to tenth, while Indulgence lost one place. The third yacht in the team, Jade, which

rates more than two feet less than Indulgence, crossed the line fif-teenth, but improved to eleventh

when the handicaps were worked

were the New Zealanders, whose boats Pacific Sundancer and

Geronimo took first and second

places on corrected time. Lifting their team from second place to a healthy thirty nine point lead. The third yacht in the New Zealand

team, Exador, was eight on

With two more short thirty mile

races around Olympic triangles left before the triple points scoring Sydney to Hobart race, the British have time to catch the New

Zealanders, but the task will not be easy. The New Zealand boats are

easy. The New Zealand toats are being extremely well sailed, and the British have been making a few poor tartical decisions. However, the 630 mile Sydney to Hobart race has frequently been the decider in this series, with the weather in the Bass Series, with the weather in the Bass

Straight often both changeable and

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The outstanding team in this race

By contrast, interest in Australia

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BOOK REVIE I climbs

# The chairman sticks to his Gunners

It is being suggested, upon the evidence of Hill-Wood's

It is not true, as has been Scholar and his associates property millionaire, ousted the financially en-dangered regime of the Richardson family after the building of

architecture is emphatically prewar art nouveau - and Hill-Wood said yesterday: "I shall appoint the new manager and there is no intention that I am aware of to remove me from the chair. I agree that this would be possible if the rest of the board became united against me, but I think at present we are broadly

Speculation has been growing because of the purchase of 16 per cent of Arsenal's shares by their new director David Dein. but Hill-Wood insists: "He and

mcet Bulgaria in a European

Championship qualifying match here today. Victory for

the Yugoslavs in the last Group

Four match would ensure they

filled one of the two remaining places in the finals in France

However such are the permutations, any other result would

send either the Bulgarians or the current leaders. Wales, to France, it might even come

Britain's only representatives at

Peter Hill-Wood, Arsenal's chairman, yesterday repudiated a rumour that be would be well off and he's a good chap to leaving the club in the wake of his manager, Terry Neill, whom he sacked last Friday.

change of plan in suddenly suggested, that Dein and Scho-dismissing Neil, that board- lar are friends. Dein, who has room takeover is imminent, made his moncy as a comsimilar to that at Tottenham modity broker in sugar, has last season, in which Irving only once met Scholar, a

The present breakdown of shareholding is that while Dein has 16 per cent Hill-Wood has e new stand.

But there is no comparable of another seven or eight per crisis at Highbury - where the cent. Those three sources together are sufficient to resist the potential power of the Carr brothers. Clive and Richard. should they become interested in an attempted boardroom coup. They would need the support of Dein in order to unseat the Old Etonian family who have ruled Highbury for over 50 years.

The Carrs gained their shares through the Bracewell-Smith family - their mother being a member of that other prominent family who have provided Highbury directors for two

one winner and two losers

Split Yugoslavia (Agencies) - Nikolov, of Bulgaria, and afternoon at his north Wales

a terrible way of settling things, but we would just be glad to have the chance to qualify". England is to spend this

The fate of three nations hangs Stojkovic, the talented winger, home.

in the balance when Yugoslavia who has been drafted into the



Hill-Wood: no crisis

ecnerations - and Hill-Wood invited them on to the board 18

"I don't think the Supurs chairman to be involved in kind of coup is possible and I'm business decisions which are certainly relaxed about the essential to the success and situation," Hill-Wood said, survival of the club, and I have "Whether I'll stick it out or not to judge for how long I can I just don't know. I'll have to maintain this when I have to see how I feel in another three earn my living and have a

and father did. even though I longer-standing members of the have great loyalty to the board, including his brother-intraditions they set and I law, Tony Wood, will remain certainly do not intend to stand down at present".

Hill-Wood, forced into the dismissal of Neill fundamentally because of the failure of the under the old days of Harold Hardman, have been among the handful of clubs who have handful of clubs who have maintained a brand of dignity and decorum in the last 20 years during which behaviour on and off the field has progressively

The situation at Highbury is

city bank and has to do a great uncertain. It is neither too bad deal of travelling. He admits that his family holiday this year in the United States was continually disrupted by phone calls dealing with day-to-day business at Highbury. for any opponents of Hill-Wood to say that he has to go, nor good enough to make anyone impatient to grab the reins. Anyone seeking power is more likely to want to see how the "More and more nowdays," he says, "it is the role of the team resolve themselves under the new manager to be ap-pointed early in the new year. Hill-Wood would not wish to hand over the club in anything other than a stable, prosperous and successful state.

David Miller

# European match will produce Another European cup for Aberdeen

By Hugh Taylor

Hill-Wood, forced into the dismissal of Neill fundamen-tally because of the failure of the

£750,000 Charlie Nicholas to

recapture some of the crowd appeal which had disappeared with the sale of Brady and

Stapleton, says he has the will-

power to stay as chairman, but

his problem is more a matter of

He is highly involved with a

who has been drafted into the Yugoslavia (probable): Z Simovic: Z Yugoslavia army.

The Wales manager, Mike England, referring to the drawing of lots, said: "That would be a terrible way of settling things."

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In the word of the Hamburg ...

Second half goals by Simpson and McGhee gave Aberdeen the Euro-pean Super Cup at Pittodrie last

night.

As belits the holders of a major European trophy, Aberdeen knew the name of their play in the second leg of their Super Cup final was patience. There were then, none of the furious forays so beloved by Celtic and Rangers, the former Scottish champions in Europe, as the gamr began to flow before a packed house of 22,000 spectators who bounced nervously on their comfortable seats in the stadium believing Hamburg had taken early command.

Certain's Leighton was a busier goalkeeper as the Germans essayed a series of sporadic raids but he was equal to all the demands without giving away too much in energy. But rdeen's tentative probings ended and the Scots mounted more incisive attacks. In one McGhee loomed menacingly in the German penalty area, going near with a spectacular overhead kick which Stein was happy to see edge past the post. It was a first indication that Aberdeen were not short of fire power and the signal for more

and the fans yearned for more passion from the players. Scottish football supporters have little time for the possession game and, alas, there were few dramatic moments in an untidy but never exciting first

There had been few significant shots from the Germans and Aberdeen were hardly masters of accuracy, although Bell went near after the industrious McGhee had given him a chance. The first ferocious attempt came from Schatzschnieger, a full blooded drive from 25 yards but the ball soared over the bar.

At half time the fans sighed and

hoped for a more engrossing second half. There had been little between the teams in the first period, and certainly little was seen of the form befitting European champions.

Only a minute of the second haif had gone when all was forgiven. Aberdeen at last opened up and deservedly went ahead with a fine build up. A touch of traditional Scottish wing play started it. Weir went speeding down the left wing and sent over a neat little cross. The Hamburg defence was breached and although Hewitt's shot was blocked. Simpson was on the spot to slip the ball into the net.

This was the Aberdeen their legions of admirers knew and loved in full cry now and all out for goals. The Hamburg goal was beleaguered, with shots raining in, and the energetic drie of the Scot made a vivid contrast to the first half lethargy.

venomous if not massive onslatights by the home team.

The Super Cup seemed destined for Aberdeen when McGhee scored a second goal following a corner. Aberdeen were well ahead with the elegance or continental Accordance.



# Unwelcome rain in Spain Seville (Reuter) - Spain's slender hopes of scoring the II-goal victory over Malta today that would give will be sore of qualifying. Otherwise, Wales will become Revision's only representatives as following continual rain since less players although the absence through injury of the goalkeeper. Luis Arconada, who has not missed an international since the 1978 World Cup finals, is unlikely to put dealt a further blow by the weather. The pitch here is sodden disadvantage against Malta's models.

following continual rain since last est attack

Sunday. Malta were unable to train Yugoslavia held Wales to a 11 draw in Cardiff last week, and ditions that promise to slow down must be favourites to go Spain's four-man attack.
through, but the Bulgarians, The Netherlands' 5-0 win over through, but the Bulgarians, The Netherlands' 5-0 win over beaten 1-0 at home by Yugosla- Malta in Rotterdam last Saturday via in November last year, have been shrewdly rebuilt by Ivan Vutsov, and are a much improved side.

The Vuscolar cond. Today

improved side.

The Yugoslav coach, Todor
Veselinovic, has pledged his side to attack, but is well aware of the danger posed by the lively Bulgarian wingers, Iskrenov and Mladenov. Bulgaria, who have won their last four internationals, will rely heavily on the goal-scoring centre back, Dimitrov. Both sides however. Dimitrov. Both sides, however, it was 50 years ago." Munoz said.

Lee: dismissed

announced in a brief statement by

the club's directors last night.

Alan Kelly Preston's long-serving

club man who was previously in

charge of the reserves, will take control of the first team for the

Christmas programme. STEVE HUNT. Covenry City's

midfield player, appears before an FA disciplinary commission in

London today hoping that the punishment he has already received will help him to escape a fine and a

suspension.

Hunt was sent off for butting

Steve Williams of Southampton in November and has just served an

automatic two-match suspension. In

Geoff Nulty.

be without key men, Spain will be without two of their

Swansea fail to tempt

**Appleton from Hull** 

Colin Appleton, the Hull City

manager, has turned down an offer to take over at Swansea City which would have nearly doubled his

Appleton, who spent a day with

the troubled second division club earlier this week, decided yesterday

to stay and direct Hull's challenge for promotion from the third division after talking to his chairman Don Robinson.

"I feel there is a job of work to be done at Hull and I cannot see the

end of it just yet," said Appleton. It is always nice to be wanted and I

seriously considered Swansea's offer. The terms were good and the potential of the club is obvious. They have been in the first division but slipped dramatically.

which suggests that major surgery is needed. Whether the chairman looks at it in that light, though, I don't know."

Robinson said "Colm is staying for a lot less money than they offered. He would just about have doubled his money with Swansea. It

is very good these days, when football is in such a mess, to find someone who is so loyal to his

Gordon Lee has been dismissed as manager of Preston North End. Lee the former Everton Newcastle, Blackburn and Port Vale manager,

Took over at Deepdale in December 1981, succeeding Tommy Docherty, to become Preston's 12th manager

Brazilians'

World Cup

is stolen

Rio de Janiero, Renter - The Jules Rimet World Cup was stolen

from the beadquarters of the Brazilian Football Association on

Monday night, Giulite Continho the Association president, revealed

ship three times, in 1958, 1962 and 1970.

far greater than its material worth he said.

melted down to sold for its gold

content."
Continho said he understands
two men overpowered and tied up a

night porter before entering the presidential offices and removing

the display cabinets bullet-proof glass by haking away its wooden

A number of other trophies were

A number of other trophies were also stolen. An exact replica of the Jules Rimet Cup, stored in a strong-room beside the display cabinet, was not taken.

It is the second time the trophy has been stolen. A cross-bred collie dog called Pickles found it had been taken in 1966, the year England won the World Cup.

The spiritual value of the cup is

"I only hope it has not been

# H Rincon. MALTA (from): J Bonella, N Farrugia, J Holland, N Schembri, N Bultigieg, E Farrugia, E Fabri, E Spiteri-Gonzi, S Tortell, C Busutil, M Degiorgio, S Demanucl. **GROUP SEVEN**

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Maceda, J Camacho, J Senor, V Munoz or F Guerri, R Gordillo, F

Carrasco, C Santillana, M Sarabia,

# Keegan back at Anfield

Kevin Keegan's return to Anfield 2m deal with them to show, for the will be shown live on elevision. The Professional Footballers Association and the FA have reached agreement on the cash row which threatened to black out the third round FA Cup tie between Liverpool and Newcastle United.

The match will now take place on Friday, January 6, before the BBC cameras and the remaining live screenings for the rest of the FA Cup rounds will also go ahead. cement of details But no anno

speaking bedisehe empty dis-play cabinet, he appealed to all Brazilians to help find the trophy which Brazil holds in perpetuity after winning the world champion-thin these times in 1952 1962 and But no announcement of details in the agreement were revealed when the two sides broke up after four hours of talks in London

yesterday.

Gordon Taylor, the PFA secretary, said: "I'm happy to say that we have reached an amicable agreement over the dispute concerning TV income for the season. Part of the negotiations involved that no ther statement would be made."

The FA had offered £40,000 - a reduction of 60 per cent from last season's figure - even though the television companies had agreed a

before the big screen first time, one live match from the third round onwards.

The PFA felt "insulted" by the cut in the fee paid in recognition of their players appearing before the television cameras. At their recent annual meeting they agreed to boycott such matches if the offer was not increased. Liverpool and Newcastle players

were out on standby to refuse to run out at Anfield on the Friday night if the cameras were there, and no increase had been offered. It seems that the players' union will be getting some additional cash
One possible solution could have

been a donation by the FA to one specific section of the PFA which looks after compensation for players
But neither side - the PFA were
represented by Taylor, Steve
Coppel, chairman and Bob Latchford, chairman-elect, and the FA by their chairman, Bert Millichip, Croker, secretary, and David Hill-Wood, Finance Committee chair-man - would confirm this.

### Kelly praises League's progress

Football will still be Britain's major speciator sport when the League celebrates its centenary in 1988. That is the firm view of Graham Kelly, the League secretary, who believes that the game is now far healthier.

Kelly there continuistic about the league secretary against the hooligan problem, have all played a gent in slowing. who believes that the game is now far healthier clubs against the hooligan problem, Kelly is very optimistic about the foture. "I don't think anyone can down the fall in artendances."

# An angler's tangled life

That eminent sporting journal, The Field, has warned us that we are likely to have a record sea trout on

Establishing an official record is not quite the simple matter the uninitiated fisherman might imagine. Far more is needed than hanging it on a rusty spring balance from the fishing bag. The fish has to be produced for inspection by the committee around whose table sit a

electrophoretic tests. The Field is probably wise not toexplain what electrophoretic tests are. Chambers Dictionary says that electrophoretic pertains to electro-phoresis, from the Greek phoreein, to bear, and that electrophoresis, involves the migration of suspended to end the control of s

molecules, under the influence of an electric field. One imagines from this that it might be a lot easier for Mr Leavy to get his sea trout in the Guinness Book of Records than past the hawk eyed men of Peterborough. No doubt caution is justified. Fishermens tales have been notoriously clastic, ever since the whopper about Jonah and the Whale. The last thing one wants is to have a new kind of Pihdown Skull scandal shaking the roots of the British Record (rod-caught) Fish Committee. One can only applaud their Donovan also had a victory in her

worse. Not that it is likely. Twentypound sea trout have been caught before. So far as I remember they

pitches in 1984.



Hoping to shake off injuries in 1984: Wheeler Melville and Carleton, optimistic of an early

**RUGBY UNION** 

# Carleton returns to prove fitness to England selectors

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent weeks ago. They will, therefore, be without Wheeler and Dodge, the two injured England players, their captain, Ian Smith, and the under-

December 31, and for the senior side against Rosslyn Park on

January 2. Whether the selectors would be prepared to gamble on

him coming through the three games, and pick him for the trial on

January 7, remains to be seen.
Wasps include the Cambridge
University right wing, Simon Smith,
for his senior debut this Saturday
against Blackbeath.

Leicester will field the side that

John Carleton, the England right end of last season, but who has now rejoined his former club.

Melville, the Wasps captain, whose chapter of accidents in 1983 makes Michael Crawford'd television character seem almost normal is also hopeing to play again. wing, who has not played since being injured against New Zealand on November 19, returns to action on Friday. He will play for Orrell, in their evening game with Bedford at Edge Hall Road, in what Carleton hopes will be a suitably-relaxed this weekend, after an even longer absence. An ankle injury and a neck atmosphere, now that his club have injury respectively prevented him from winning a first cap for England lost their unbeaten record. and from playing in an international for the Lions, and a pre-season knee

"The leg feels all right, and there's not too much at stake in the game", he said yesterday. "It's better than coming back in the merit table injury has prevented him from representing his club over the last four months. Carleton was carried off the pitch He is to play for Wasps' third team on Saturday and, if all goes well, for the second team on

at Twickenham after a flying tackle from Fraser, the All Blacks wing, which left him with a haematoma on the thigh and heavy bruising round his knee, which turned out to be the main problem.

Fortunately, there was no need for an operation, though the leg has been X-rayed every week. Carleton has trained enoughly during the lest.

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has trained regularly during the last fortnight, and hopes to play once more over the holiday period, to demonstrate his fitness to the England selectors before the trial sides are announced. He will be

**Favourites** unchanged

By Iain Mackenzie

The South of Scotland have

decide the Scottish inter-district

championship.
It took the five man selection

# lost to Bristol last week, when they play Barbarians on December 28 in a game withich was a sell-out some The school that fulfilled its half-term promise

announced an unchanged team for the match against Glasgow at Hawick on Saturday which will people with whom one comes in contact. Two of them wrote to me recently, the first castigating me for giving Sedbergh too much prominence, the second taking me to task equally passionately for giving them too little.

29-15 with a 5-1 try count last week Try again! When Sedbergh defeated Loretto (3-39) recently they completed a season that clearly should keep their places.

Bob Hogarth, the Kelso scrum half who was on the bench in place established them as one of the best, if not the best, side in the country. of Roy Laidlaw against Ediaburgh, stands down this time. But the Jed-Forest electrician, who had to miss Unbeaten, they scored 253 points to 36 conceded, regularly facing appreciably larger schools and, amazingly, only one try was scored

last weekend's match because of work, is still only a replacement The South, outright winners of the title eleven times and with a share of it on ten other occasions. against them.

The hardest match was against Ampleforth at home (10-0) and Durham away (6-13); but their closest encounter was their away victory against Bradford GS (6-11). As Kerry Wedd, their coach, pointed out as early as half-term: "I think we've got an even better side than lest year with a year, powerful will start firm favourites. They need only a draw to finish at the top of the table but Glasgow can end the campaign equal on points although with a poorer points differential should they achieve an unexpected SRIOLIG LILLY GALLEY CONTROL OF DOCK (Gale): A Thomson, R Baird (both Keleo), J Renwick (Fawick), I Tutako P Putherlord, G Hunter, (Bi Selkiri): J Althern (Gale) capt. C Deens, (Fawick), R Cunningham (Gale), A Tomes, A Campbell, S McGaughey (all Hewick), I Paxion (Selkiri), J Jeffrey (Kelto).

than last year with a very powerful pack, speed outside and a tremen-dous defensive record." He was not exaggerating. What a pity that the successful Millfield side do not meet Sedbergh: Millfield are also un-beaten this autumn. Zimbabwe Schools, with just one win from five matches, continue their English tour against London

Even more remarkable statisti-cally is Durham School's record. Defeated by Sedbergh, Sherborne and Ampleforth, they amassed 627

The most rewarding thing about covering schools rugby for *The Times* is the variety of interesting points and conceded 157, setting an example in the process that could profitably be heeded wherever rugby is played. Their left wing, Alexander, scored 42 tries and their right wing, Maddison, 26. The full back, Roesberry, contributed 182 points. Friend and foe alike have been loud in praise of the exciting rugby that

23 prop. Stuart Redfern.
After winning 16 successive games, Leicester have lost three of

their last five, which is not entirely

surprising considering the youth of the current side. The team to play the Barbarians has an average age of only 24, and seven are still eligible for England's under-23 squad.

England are to send an under-23 party to Spain in May, though details of the proposed three-match

The England captain, Peter Wheeler, will have the plaster cast on his left hand removed on December 30. The Leicester hooker has been in training, after the

original cast was removed and a lightweight one put on last week, but he is definitely out of the England trial, on January 7.

"I will have the plaster cast removed on December 30, and should be able to play seven days.

should be able to play seven days

later," he said. But there is no way I

could go into a trial match after such a short build up. The doctor is

tour have yet to be confirmed.

including half the pack.

they have played; their fine record is the more remarkable in that the school possess only 300 boys over the age of 13. Warwick School, celebrating their centenary, have done the job in style. They have lost only two matches this winter, their most

recent victory over the powerful King Henry VIII, Coventry, crowning a highly successful season. Coached by Martin Green, who is in charge of the England under-23 side as well as having coached the Midlands to victory over the All Blacks, Warwick School have played positive, 15-man rugby. Blake and Haines in the pack. Calverley at scrum half and Beachus and Greenwood on the wings have been outstanding. Indefatigable as ever, Ampleforth

Indetatigable as ever, Ampletorin travelled south for a short end-of-term tour, beating Monmonth convincingly on Saturday and St Panl's (6-19) on Monday, though heavy rain made playing conditions too difficult for the visitors to show the heavy results that the showed against the bravura they showed against

# **EQUESTRIANISM**

# **Daring Skelton triumphs** eight riders who went through to the final timed round of the Grand Prix,

Nick Skelton gave the packed hall at the Olympia international visco-Jumping championships the most exciting finish of the meeting when, with a daring final round against the at the Olympia International Show with a daring final round against the clock, he claimed the £4,100 first prize in the Radio Rentals Grand Prix for the Olympia Trophy on

Monday night.

Skelton, who won the World Cup qualifying round on Saturday afternoon on the same horse, Mr Terry Clemence's St James, relegated Harvey Smith to second place on Sanyo Olympic Video and John Whitaker, this year's top money-winner, to third on the

brilliant Ryan's Son.

Skelton's win comes at the end of an outstanding autumn season, during which his wins have included the Grand Prix in New York, and

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Dallas Cowboys 17.

CENTRAL

the World Cup qualifier in Toronto. On Monday night he was one of

The pair have been "knocking at the door" throughout this year, and it was bad luck for Miss McNaught deprived of a major win. Her time of 32.95 seconds was quickly overtaken by Smith who finished in 30.90 seconds. Of those who followed, Whitaker looked threatening Ryan's Son responded

a superb clear round on Barbarella

to every question his rider asked, but they finished just short of Smith's time in 31, 99 seconds. By the time Skelton, the last to go, entered the ring, the crowd were at

Rever prich.
Radio Rentels Grand Prix, Olympic Trophy: 1.
St James (N Skelton) 0 in 29.37 sec; 2, Sanyo
Olympic Video (H Smith) 0 in 30.90; 3, Ryan's
Son (J Whitaker) 0 in 31.98.

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FA CLIP: Second round replays: Bournemourn 2, Windsor & Burnley 3, Chesterfield 2: Sheffield U.1. Lincoln 0. MLK CUP: Fourth round, second replay: Oxford U.2, Manchester U.1. NORTHERN PRISIDER LEAGUE: Chorley 3, WKEK LEAGUE' Northmoston Town Bradford 2. WELSH CUP: Third round: Word

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

since the war.

His dismissal, and that of his

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tennis and the game's consequent expansion as a segment of the world-wide entertainment business been attracted to the circuit in numbers that, 20 years ago, would have been unthinkable. Tennis has moved up the literary league and ustifies the anthology edited by Richard Evans under the title Tales females. from the Tennis Court (Sidgwick) nd Jackson, £7.95).

than such hefty predecessors as The Fireside Book of Tennis (1972) and The Tennis Book (1981), published n the United States and Canada. The Tennis Book (1981), published game's history the men and women n the United States and Canada, who made it, the great stadia, But Evans, himself one of the games memorable matches, the circuit's nost accomplished scribes, com-life-style, and the off-court crises rensates for the comparatively that have bedevilled the developmall canvas by selecting and rganizing his material with acuity

Not the least virtue of this ollection is that it will introduce f such overseas writers as the enially anecdotal Herbert Warren Vind, Frank Deford (almost as ood on Jimmy Connors as he is on ontribuics a sensitive farewell to orest Hills, and the hilarious lordon Forbes, whose nightmares rages within him.

Tennis climbs the league One of the fringe benefits of open have given much pleasure to make and the game's consequent everyone except his room-mates.

The leading British writers are included, too. With the reservation that no two tennis enthusiasts have identical literary preferences. Evans's overall choice provokes only two regrets. One, he is inevitably restricted to the English language. Two, he includes a few pieces that, in this context seem pedestrian. There may be a hidden reason for the scattered outbursts of This is a much smaller volume twaddle. Evans had to make pieces fit. His selection is tailored to provide a commentary on the ment of tennis. To meet all those needs, he sometimes had to call on the chorus line as well as the stars. The wide range of subjects matched by the variety of writing styles. And Evans makes a necessary

magazines or books. Evans is

known to be a hard man, but on the

BOXING A rest then a recall for Douglas

amateur international match against Ireland at Milton Keynes on Douglas is being rested after three successful international performances this season.

Camberley, Surrey, on January 25. Camberley, Surrey, on January 23.

TEAM (v reland, Mitton Keynes, January 6;
Light Flyweight: J Lyon (St Helane); Flyweight: S
Nolan (Fisher, London); Bertamweight: P
English (Cawardsi), Manchester); Lightweight: K
Whis (Rounds, Liverpoot); Lightweight: K
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Weiterweight: D Jerrangs (Garvanden),
Manchester); Light Middleweight: R Thomas
(Gloucester); Light Middleweight: R Thomas

England will be without middle-weight Rod Douglas for their

Douglas, from St George's, London, will return to the side for the match against Scotland at

Super Heavyweight: K Fardhand (Royal Navy).

TEAM! (v Scotland, Lakeskie Country Club, Camborley, January 25; UGHT FLYWEIGHT: D Porter (Hichar): FLYWEIGHT: S Noten Fschor. London): BARTAMWEIGHT: S Noten Anthones, Liverpool): FEATHERWEIGHT: K Taylor (Rootheile): LIGHT/WEIGHT: G Rodgers (Lunstall): UGHT WELTERWEIGHT: M Balland (Portenouth): WELTERWEIGHT: M Balland (Portenouth): WELTERWEIGHT: M Balland (Portenouth): Potens (Light MIDDLEWEIGHT: B Douglas St George's, London): LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT: B Yester (Light") HEAVYWEIGHT: B Xavier (Str. Mary's, Chatham): SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT: B Weis (Kingston).

**FISHING** 

likely to have a record sea trout on our books fairly soon. It will be, all being well, an official record, adjudicated and confirmed by a committee of experts sitting in conclave at Peterborough, the British Record (rod-caught) Fish Committee, The fish which came before this august body was a 20-pounder taken in the Castle Pool of the Tweed last November by Mr G Leavy.

number of respected and sceptical scientists. They carry out claborate and no doubt exhausting inspections of the poor fish, including what The Field describes as

mittee. One can only applaud their decision to go for the full electrophoresis in case Mr Leavy's fish turns out to be a hybrid, or

had one on the hotel water on Loch Marce about 1951 which was taken on a 1 or 1/0 Black Pennell on the Ash Island beat; but this was not, I arr quite sure, subjected later to the influence of an electric field. It might have been stuffed and put in a glass case but most probably was will happen to Mr Leavy's sea trout

### are given a deadline Hartlepool United have been given a minth by Hartlepool Council to pay rent arrears of more

Schools at Old Deer Park today

IN BRIEF

Hartlepool

han £7,000 for their Victoria Ground. The Council are already taking legal action against the club-currently bottom of the fourth division and said to be close to liquidation - over unpaid rates.

The Borough solicitor Mr Jim.
Forbes said that although the club's chairman Mr Vince Barker had promised to supply him with a fully financial statement in September. this had not been forthcoming. Mr Forbes added that his last letter to the club, sent 10 days ago, had not been answered. TENNIS- Jimmy Connors, beat the

top seed Ivan Lendl of Chechoslava-kia 6-3, 7-6, 6-1 the second seed, in the final of the Ilie Nestase Hamptons Invitational tournament, Suzie Mair, of Britain, reached the quarter final round of the Orange Bowl championships in Orange Bowl championships in Miami, with a 6-0. 6-1 defeat of List Paminton, from Indiana, yesterday, All Britain's under-14 boys and girls, David Harris, Colin Beecher. Danny Sapsford, Nick Smith, Anne Simpkin and Theresa Tatlin, won their first round matches and Julie Topograp also had a victory in her

first match. CRICKET .- Warwickshire County Cricket Club have appointed Rob Franklin, aged 29, as head groundsman in succession 10 Bernard Flack, the Edgbaston groundsman for 27 years, who will continue in his role as the Test and County Cricket Board's inspector of

BOXING - Marjan Benes, the former European professional and amateur light middleweight champion, has had his left eye removed. in an operation in Yugoslavia (AFP reports). Benes had two operations last year to save his sight, and was injured again in a fight against Maurice Pouffier of Belgium in

slalom race here yesterday, to the course. stay on course to achieve his Third place was taken by aim of winning the slalom Bulgarian Peter Popangelov,

"I'm in good shape" Stenmark said. "My motivation is good because I didn't train too much. At my age you don't first leg.

second run that pushed mind place ahead of the Swede Stig Strand, who dropped from third place on the first leg.

Stenmark, aged 27, dominated both legs of the event. Leading after the first leg, the Swede coolly produced the fastest second leg to clock a total winning time of 1 min 36.89 sec for his 74th World Cup Victory. The pre-race rankings were upset by the Austrian Robert Zoller. A surprise second in the first leg,

world cup this season. His who improved on his seventh second win in the discipline in place in the first leg, and the just over a week put him top of Itian Alex Giorgi delighted the the slalom standings with 50 crowd with an aggressive points.

> Notable absentees were the American twins Phil and Steve Mahre, who returned home last week to prepare for their end of January.

> The steep course, dropping 170 metres, was too much for the Swiss prodigy Pirmin Zurbriggen, aged 20, who stood to pick up vital points from the



Stenmark: fastest man on two legs

Madonna di Campiglio, (Reuter) - The triple World cup winner Ingemar Stenmark of after a ligament injury last Sweden returned to the scene of season by holding on to his first World Cup win 1974 to score a clear victory in the slalom race here vectoriant to the scene of season by holding on to his first world Cup win 1974 to score a clear victory in the slalom race here vectoriant to the score and the course. hard to make up time lost in the

The combined honours went to the former world cup champion Andreas Wenzel of Liechtenstein, whose ninth place yesterday commbined with his sixth in Monday's super giant slalom.

Zurbriggen has kept his overall top place in the World Cup standings with 97 points with his compatriot Franz Heinzer second on 87, but Wenzel has moved into third place on 85 ahead of Stenmark

Haus, Austria, (AFP) - The women's World Cup downhill race, which was in doubt because of adverse weather conditions, will go ahead today as planned. Mild weather and rain had ealier threatened a change in the programme for However, after inspecting the cause the jury decided that

racing can take place. Had the conditions continued, the downhill would have been put back 24 hours, which would have meant the cancellation of tommorow's giant slalom.

◆ Toronto (Reuter) - The Canadia skiers have returned home for their races in Europe confident they can win the World Cup downhill title. Todd Brooker leads the standings after twice finishing runner-up in the early races and he said: "I am having a lot more fun. I've also eased off a little in training to save a

ttle for race days."
The former World Cup downhil champion, Steve Podborski, is fifth. "Knowing that the pre-Christmas races really haven't been ideal for our abilities - relatively slow, soft snow, relatively easy - is all the better," he said.

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SKIING CONDITIONS

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### RACING

# Burrough Hill Lad can underline his **Chepstow chance**

By Michael Phillips

Park was given the go-ahead yesterday after the stewards had inspected the course midway through the afternoon. However, they added the proviso that it would only take place if there was no heavy rain during the night. So, clearly the meeting rests in the lap of the gods and so does the one at Worcester where there will be

morning. Jenny Pitman has taken the precaution of declaring Burrough Hill Lad, the ante-post favourite for the Welsh National at Chepstow on December 27, for the St Nicholas Handicap Steeplethe Mac Vidi Perpetual Chal-lenge Trophy at Lingfield. However, Burrough Hill Lad and John Francome will switch to the Midlands course only in the event of Loingfield being

an inspection at 7.30 this

abandoned. Burrough Hill Lad's only race this season was over hurdles at Nottingham earlier this month and Mrs Pitman is understandably keen for him to jump fences at racing pace again before his important date at Chepstow. A leg injury restricted Burrough Hill Lad to just three races last season.

What that highly promising race over hurdles at Nottingham showed was that he has made a complete recovery and is once more in the sort of form that enabled him to win good

Today's meeting at Lingfield Edward Hanmer Memorial Steeplechase at Haydock. In that case he should be hard to beat this afternoon

> can also win the Plum Pudding Steeplechase on Observe at the expense of the course specialist, Straight Jocelyn, whose seven victories there include one in this same race 12 months ago. Fred Winter has declared Observe to run wearing blinkers for thefirst time in public. He has worn them already at home while being schooled over the practice fences on the downs above Lambourn. Winter feels that they are now necessary because Francome reported that Observe was "pulling his leg" and not giving his all during

hard as he did. Meanwhile, at Worcester. Dramatist's chance of winning the St Nicholas Handicap Steeplechase will be improved immeasurably if Burrough Hill Lad stays away.

Chepstow. There Francome

used his whip to wake him up and incurred the wrath of the

stewards for doing so quite as

Speedy Bee, my selection for the second division of the Christmas Novices Steeplechase, was jumping well and still going well at Haydock Park last Thursday in the race won by Red Mills when he slipped

Saxon Farm hurt

Stan Mellor's hurdler, Saxon Farm, may not run this season, and races at Stratford and Ascot last will miss the Champion Hurdle. Season as well as finishing Hurdle. Saxon Farm injured himself second to Silver Buck in the at the weekend.



Here's mud in your eye: apprentice Andrew Small depicts racing's less glamor after pulling up in the Folkestone seller (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

### Lingfield Park GOING: chase course, soft; hurdles, heavy.

Tote double: 1.30, 2.30. Treble: 1.0, 2.0, 3.0. 12.30 CHRISTMAS CRACKER HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o: £1,095: 2m) (21

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14		GORDONIS (R Cheetham) J Jenkins 10-10
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2.0 PLUM PUDDING CHASE (£1,436; 2m 4f) (4) OBSERVE (D) (B) (A Gretton) F Winter 7-11-10 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Francist RAMMAGNET (CD) (D Jackson) R Amytage 11-11-10 \_\_\_\_\_ A Well RAMMADU (R Oakley-Moore) J Titch-Heyes 10-11-7 \_\_\_\_\_ A Madgwing REENWOOD LAD (Mrs A Grantham) J Gifford 6-11-3 \_\_\_\_\_ R R 2-9 Observa, 11-2 Greenwood Lad, 7 Straight Joselyn, 33 Katmando 2.30 MAC VIDI TROPHY (handicap chase: £2,830; 3m) (16)

49/0P-0 THE SWALLOWS (D) (G Steinberg) R Armytage 10-11-10 ...
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122411-13-8 Burrough Hill Lad. 7-2 King Ba Ba, 6 Doddington Park, 10 Solid Rock, 12 Herr Capitan, are, 16 Caniford Ginger, 20 others.

3.0 MINCE MEAT CHASE (handicap: £1,450: 2m) 8) 2 /01310- BALLYCROSS (C) (Anna Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 12-12-4 

3.30 GOODWILL HURDLE (handicap: £1,150: 2m) (16)

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03-012 8-4 Hayakaze, 11-4 On The Warpath, 9-2 Sarah's Venture, 6 Cresun, 10 King's Sokier, 14 ajo Brave, 20 others.

Lingfield selections By Michael Phillips

12.30 Princess Henham, 1.0 The Toum, 1.30 Burgos, 2.0 Observe, 2.30 Burrough Hill Lad, 3.0 Galileo, 3.30 Sarah's Venture.

Ludlow results Going: Good

12.0 BURGUNDY CHASE (Div I: novices: £840:
2m)

EVER br g by Tudor Melody-Queen's
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12.30 AMONTELADO HURDLE Selling handicap (conditional jockeye: 5518: 2m)
DERBYSHIRE FULET 6 m by Pelso Lad-Red Biddy (A McIndo) 5-10-3. P Croucher (5-1) 1 The Raile — J Duggan(8-1) 2 Rives Be Good — M Caswell (3-1 fav) 3 TOTE: Wn: £2.90. Places: £1.30, £1.40, £2.20. Dr: £8.10. CSF: £12.19. T Foretar at Wantage. 81, 151. Mossey Moore (4-1) 4th. 12 TOTE: Wer: 25.50. Places: £1.60, £2.90. £3.20. DF: £8.50. CSF: £48.90. J Roberts at Twenton. 2, 2. Probabilist (9-2) 4th. 9 ran. 1.0 Rular PUNICH HURIDLE (Dw. £ 3-y-s; £483:

1.30 BURGUNDY CHASE (Div II: novices: £838-2m) 

20 RUM PUNCH HURDLE (DW (1: 3-y-cz 2485)

### Sangster race approved

The Irish Turi Club approved a plan by a syndicate led by Robert Sancster to sponsor a £250,000 race at Phoenix park next July.

After a meeting attended by Vincent O'Brien, the trainer, and July Momies the stud owner, both

John Magnier, the stud owner, both representing the sponsoring syndi-cate, and Jonathan Irwin and Paddy Tighe, respectively chief executive and manager at Phoenix Park, the club announced that they were "anxious to facilitate the running of the proposed race and will endeavour to obtain group status for

The stewards "Towards this end they will have discussions on the matter with their counterparts in England, France West Germany and Italy".

Folkestone results 11.45 ALDINGTON CHASE (Div I: novice 5920; 2m)

(6-1) ....R Rowe(11-8 lav) ......J Lovejoy(7-2) TOTE: Wist: £15.50. Places: £2.50, £1.10 £1.10, DF: £3.20. CSF: £15.22. G Gregon a Cranleigh. ¼J, 3t. Glenjade (20-1) 4th. 10 ran. 12.15 STAMFORD HURDLE ES18: 2m 110vd)

TOTE: Win: £15.00. Places: £6.90. £5.60, £1.70. DF: £118.50. CSF. £98.82. G Huffer at Newmarket. 2. 11. Someraday (25-1) 4th. 18 ran. NR Haballoo. Gille's Princa. 12.45 NO SILVER HURDLE (novices: £518: 2m

Lambourn, 111, 101. Mayestic Cue (14-1) 4th. 15 ran, NR Aspan Flare, Kristen. 1.15 ALDINGTON CHASE (Div II: Novices £914: 2m)

TOTE: Win. £3.40. Places: £1.00, £3.90. £1.70. DF: £28.10. CSF: £44.51. J Gifford at Findon. SI, 15I. Landing Board Evens 1av. Wiletts Farm Boy [12-1] 4th. 9 ran. 1.45 SELLINDGE HURDLE (Selling handicat 

Physics: Min E23.90 Places: E2.30, £2.40, £1.70, DF. £42.40, CSF: £50.33, Trocest £23.484, I Dudgeon at Warminster. 3, nk. Tho Somae 7-2 fac. Bujoj (12-1) 4th. 13 ran. NR. Visarod Away. 2.45 SHADDOXHURST (Handicap. Conc Jockeys: £962: 2m 110yd) 

TOTE: War: \$39.00. Places. \$2.50. \$2. 3.15 STANFORD HURDLE (Dw II. Novices £518.2m 110yd) 

Musico ... Wester (11-2) a ... Wester (11-2) a ... TOTE: Win: £3.20. Places: £1.80. £5.60, £1.50. DF: £27.10. CSF: £53.42. S Woodman at Chichester. 12, 2. No-U-Turn 4-1 ji fav Eurolink Bey (11-1) 4h. 18 ran. NR: Noble Philip, Tudor Joster. Placepot: £26.10

Mark Rimmer: the 21-year-old Manufacture conversions with 12-2. Newmarket apprentice with 83 flat wins to his credit, made his first National Hunt ride a winner at Folkestone, yesterday on the one-eyed Claudius Crozet, for his employer, Geoff Huffer, Only 230 paying customers - Folkestone's lowest ever attendance - braved the

£4.40. DF. £58.20. CSF: £53.36. M Pipe at Wetlington, Sh Hd. 10L Pentlyne Trooper 3-1 (av Learcht (20-1) 4th, 18 ran. 2.30VINTAGE PORT CHASE (Handicap: \$1,276; 3m) 3.0 CLARET HURDLE (handkoap: E1,192 2m)

TOTE: Wnr: £59.70. Places: £3.49, £2.26. £10.80. DF: £306.00. CSF: £102.16. Tricast: £1.590.12. P. Cundell et Newbury. 4l, 21/1. Johns Present 9-2 jt-lav. Bold Busion (3-2 jt

### Worcester

GOING: Soft. 12.15 CHRISTMAS CHASE (Div I: novices: £1,214: 3m) (13 runners) ARMY SCOUT (Mrs. J. Mould) B Stervens 6-10-12
BANNOCK PRINCE (K Bishop) K Bishop 5-10-12
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BOOK OF PROVERSS (P Sevis) F Winter 5-10-12
STITHACTOR (Mrs. P Harris) P Henris 6-10-12
MEMBER'S RELISH (B) (Brig C Harrey) D Nicholson 5-10NORTH LAME (A House) K Bishop 6-10-12
PUBLIC RELATIONS (B) (R Manning) R Manning 6-10-12
OUARRIER (Sir K Burd) T Forster 6-10-12
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TRUST THE KING (Mrs. K Seel) N Henderson 6-10-12
BAY FOREST (E Clarke) Mrs. E Kennard 5-10-12
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12.45 TURKEY HURDLE (Div I: novices: £690: 2m) (22) KEY HURDLE (Div I: novices: £690: 271) (22)
CARP (H Davies) Mrs E Kennerd 5-11-3
DYNASTIC BAY (Mrs W Gartlan) D Nicholson 5-11-3
GANDOKRE LANE (C House) J Old 6-11-3
GRANULAR BASS (B Perry) | Warrid 5-11-3
MARCH SPARK (H West) C James 7-11-3
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SCOTTISH GREEN (D Malam) D Burchall 5-11-3
WYFCRD (Mrs D Joyce) V Bistops 6-11-3

ligge	d, 12 McC	arthy, 20 others.	
.15	CHRIS	TMAS CHASE (Div II: novices: £1,214: 3m) (13)	
5	93u00/	BELLYJOHN (J Townson) J Townson 6-10-12	
ē	214100-	DOUBLE BASS (Mrs M Wiggin) T Forster 6-10-12	H Davie
11	pG3p-p0	FENKIN /R Turner D Tucker 5-10-12	P Laad
12	00113-1	GREENORE PRIDE (Andrew Baird Ltd) P O'Connor 6-10-12	S Jobs
14	25/113	LANGTON SÆGFRIED (A House) K Bishop 5-10-12	P Alchard:
17	0C-02Co	NATIVE BREAK (R Edwards) Mrs W Sykes 6-10-12 :	S Morshear
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28	p3112-4	SPEEDV REE (Mrs. P Harris) P Harris 5-10-12	
28 30	0024-00	WARNER FOR SPORT (Terry Warner Soorts) M Tata 6-10-12	P Scudemon
31	UQ-UQ10	WOODLANDS GENSET (Wise M Presce) P Pritchard 5-10-12	P Dever i
32	03410	ANOTHER SPIN Auts J Hodokiss) Mrs J Hodokiss 6-10-7	Bry#
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nom	er Spin. 12	Langton Slegirled, 20 others.	•
.45	CHAMI	PAGNE HURDLE (Selling: 4-y-o; £573; 2m 2f) (21)	
2	CO-	ADDERYBURY LAD (B Gordon) J Townson 11-0	R Stronger /
3		ANDREY (D. Brown) R. Hollinghead 11-0	
á	002p-00	BEAU SAUVAGE (B) (G Bradchaw) A Barrow 11-0	TOLIS ARCES
5	004002	BLACKBOOSH (J Bosley) J Bosley 11-0	Mr M Bosley ?
6	f400-0	CHEHO (Mrs M Wickins) R Akeburst 11-0	

RHet 15-8 Pampered Gipsy, 11-4 Narsinh, 5 Mess Inigo, 8 Fair Patrick, 10 Blackboosh, 12 Chabo.

2.15 SAINT NICHOLAS CHASE (Handicap: £2,026: 3m) (18) 12-164 TRISKA (C) (A Hung L Kennard 7-10-1
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By Michael Phillips
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### MOTOR RACING

The 1984 Lotus has a leaner look

"There will be no excuses, there are no unknowns and we have to deliver." That was the message of Peter Warr, general manager of John Player Team Lotus, at the unveiling in Paris yesterday of the Lotus Grand Prix challenger for 1984, the JPS 95T.

**TODAY'S FIXTURES** 

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since the death of Colin Chapman and, not surprisingly, we have been through a somewhat traumatic 12 months. The character of the team found our new indentity and we have our new style of management." Eliot De Angelis will be driving next

year looks superficially similar to the 94Ts they used in the latter part of this year. However, they are very made Brembo brakes all round. The different beneath the skin. Gerard Ducarouge has designed a car smaller, lighter and slimmer than its

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Part of the size reduction has been brought about by the restriction in the maximum fuel tankage to 220 litres, but the much neater packaging of the latest version of the Renault turbo-charneater ged engine, with its turbo-chargers Ducarouge's new design looks like it and intercoolers mounted vertically, has also contributed to the leaner

suspension is basically similar to that of the previous car except that the rocker-arm front layout has been replaced with a pull-rod system which offers cleaner aerodynamics. Nigel Mansell, frustrated at the

team's lack of wins this year, was full of enthusiasm yesterday. "Pete Warr has put a great together for 1984 and will be a winner. He has taken full advantage of the new fuel regu-lations and he has worked hard on

look. lations and he has
The Lotus team have decided to the aerodynamics."

### Olympic couple seek out the climate of success

# In search of heat and dust

Malcolm and Sarah Cooper, the usband and wife international shooting team, will set out on Friday on a 26,000 mile round trip in search of a combination of intense heat,

The Coopers are to spend five recks in Paralowie, South Australia, experiencing the sort of Australia. experiencing the sort of testing conditions they will have to overcome in California next year if they are to climb the medal rostrum in the Olympic games.

"The Olympic shooting range will be about 40 miles inland from Los Angeles," said Mrs Cooper. "The temperature will go up around 100 degrees and the dust, glare and wind will make it extremely difficult. It was absolutely vital for us to train in

She said that they had looked at a number of locations, but Australia came out top. "Apart from the climate, it was important to go to an English-speaking country because o all the questions that are raised when you are carrying rifles.
"We will be staying at the home

of Yvonne Hill, an Australian teacher who is very likely to be selected for her Olympic team. She is pleased we are going as it gives her a chance of some valuable competition. The trip is likely to cost around

£3,000, although some of the outlay will be covered by grants from the Sports Aid Foundation and the British Olympic Association.

"We have emptied the building society account, but it will be worth it", said Mrs Cooper, 34 who, with



Target: The Los Angeles Games her hosband, works in a sports

coods company. "Thankfully. British Airways are helping with excess baggage."

The couple first met at a shooting range 14 years ago when she was in the WRNS. This year Mrs Cooper

beat her husband into second place in the British Senior Open air rifle nt the periods Senior Open air rifle championship, winning by three points. Her husband was prompted to say: "Enjoy it - you will not get another chance to beat me in the

championship."
Women's shooting will be part of the Olympic programme for the first time next year. They will have three events, two of them for rifle shooting 50 metres standard, three

positions and the 10 metre air rifle, 40 shots standing.
"I am very excited about the

prospect of competing in the games for the first time", said Mrs Cooper Both she and her husband should gain a place in the British squad, to be selected after a series of international matches pext sum

Malcolm has competed in two
Olympic games, in 1972 and 1976,
but his best chance of a medal
disappeared when the shooters boycotted the 1980 games. "I believ I am shooting better than ever before, so I have high hopes of a metal, although the rest of the we have also improved", added

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The monopoly extends only to the deed of transfer, which must be prepared by a solicitor, barrister or notary public, or ny a person doing the conveyancing work on his own home.

When moving home, the two main concerns in this most the level of competence of the goes wrong. The Law Society. representing the 44,000 practis-

The National Association of people concentrate on other Conveyancers, set up five years financial commitments, and it ago to represent non-solicitor significant increase in activity fications, based targety of before the spring, according to the Royal that of solicitors, while claiming that of solicitors, while claiming is unlikely that there will be a conveyancers, regards its qualithe latest survey by the Royal that of solicitors, while claim its insurance is "watertight".

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The kit is one of a number of developments on conveyancing consumer advice and protection, has this month published its Insurance-backed DIY Conveyancing Kit. The association emphasizes that DIY convey-Commons last Friday, the ancing is neither illegal or Government has its own pro- unethical, but has traditionally unethical, but has traditionally been thought of as too compli-cated to be handled by mere mortals. The Lit is based on The

Given that the Government's a solicitor. Michael Joseph, proposals retain the solicitors which explains how to buy and monopoly, any alternative - be sell your home without a solicitor. The kit goes through a sale (in 17 steps) and purchase (in 28 steps) from "agree the price" to "completion", and it includes all the forms needed to complete the transaction, including the transfer deed docu-ment which is at the centre of the controversy.

If something goes wrong, or if the DIY conveyancer suddenly starts tearing his hair in desperation, the Householders' Asociation says it has arranged an insurance policy with Lloyd's of London to cover the cost of the entire matter being taken to completion by a qualified solicitor.

In addition, to cover the possibility of a defective title coming to light later, the householder can be covered for 12 years against loss.

The cost of the kit is £49.95, expensive of transactions are and the only other costs. according to the association, are person carrying out the work for searches and postage, and the insurance if something amounting to "£10 at the most", If that is so, and the deal ing solicitors, is convinced that hitch or heart attack, it must be ancer ran off with the funds.

worth considering for the Christmas stocking. Further information can be gained from The Householders' Association. Lavender Hill. London

SW11. Full insurance cover is also offered to DIY conveyancers by the British Homebuyers Legal Exchange Company. This applies to people who enrol for DIY conveyancing with the British Conveyancing School, whose headquarters is at Sid-

The company is offering full title guarantee insurance through the First American Title Insurance Company, and claims it is a complete answer to the Law Society's assertion that the public are at risk if they do their own conveyancing. Further information from: Enrolment Office, Richard Klinger Com-plex, Sidcup Kent DA14 5AL

The National Association of Conveyancers, which has about 30 members, was itself sceptical about the details of the Buyers' Bill, because it feared it could lead to a free-for-all.

### Members are fully covered

Mr David Ashford, association chairman, who acknowledges that he failed the Law Society exams several times, is jealous of the standards set by the association. It demands 10 years' practical experience in conveyancing or five years plus a legal qualification before

accepting a member.
In his practice, Mr Ashford charges £120 plus VAT for a house costing £25,000, £165 plus VAT for one costing £40,000, £225 plus VAT on £60,000, and for a house costing £80.000 the fee will be £285 plus VAT. All those charges represent less than 15 per cent, compared with the average 1 per cent charged by solicitors.

The association's members are all fully covered by insurance, and in February it will inaugurate a compensation fund backed by Lloyd's of London. The National Association of Conveyancers is at 2-4 Chichester Rents, Chancery Lane, London WC2A IEG. in the case of any person who or deals go through without a might suffer loss if the convey-

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11.15 News. Until 11.18.

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Lauchlan 4.20 The Adventures of Bultwinkle and Rocky. : 25 Jackenory Jan Francis with part three of Peter Pan 4.40 en Test: Champion of Champions. The winner and runners-up of the 1982 and 1983 contest in the final programme of the series 5.05 round with Paul McDowell 5.10 Carrie's War The final episode. Sixty Minutes includes news from Moira Stuart at 5.40; regional news magazines at 5.53; weather at 6.15; and

closing headlines at 6.38. • N O Harty. With Rod Hull and Emu the Only Fools and Horses team and Shakin' Stevans. 5 Film: Something Big (1971) starring Dean Martin, Brian Keith and Honor Blackman. Lighthearted western about a gang leader who ransoms the colonel's wife for a large gun with which he intends to pull off a big bank raid. Directed by Andrew V. McLagen. -0 News with John Humphrys.

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Jamie Lee Curtis. A night of terror awaits the population of Antonio Bay as log begins to descend. Directed by John Carpenter (first showing on 23 News headlines

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6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen and John Stapleton, A review of the morning newspapers at 5.25: news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30. 8.00 and 8.50, sport at 6.55 and 7.40 excenses at 6.45, John Stapleton with a guest in the Spotlight at 7.05; the Star ct Bethlehem sage continues at 7.35; pop video at 7.55; Desmond Morris's magic moments at 8.05; TV-am's Christmas hamper awards at 8.15; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.35; and the cooking clenc at 8.50, 9.00 Roland's Winter Wonderla

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O'Connor presents another in the series of fast moving Coronation Street. Rita feams a little more about why Len died while the pigeon race of the decade ends in

controversy when the winning bird crosses the line in unusual 6.00 This is Your Life. Another worthy's emotions will be reduced to jetly by Earnonn Andrews and his big red book.

8.30 Up the Elephant and Round the Castle. Cornetty series about the adventures of a cockney boy. 9.00 Chessgame. More mystery for Dr Audley and his team of

sleuths when an Oxford professor thinks that the mysterious death of one of his students is the beginning of a communist conspiracy.

Film: The Long Riders (1980 starring David, Keith and Robert Carradine and Stacy and James Keach. The James brothers and the Youngers decide to go straight - but before they do they think they nists arom and flug lifw robbery. Directed by Walter

Death in the Morning, by Zia Kruger. A young bride finds she is unwelcome on her hushand's estate (r). 12.35 A Different Christmas. Gillian Reynolds talks to someone who will be enjoying an alternative Christmas to the

12.05 Tales of the Unexpected:



Placido Domingo and Mirella Frani in Jean-Pierre Ponnelle's film, Madame Butterfly: Channel 4 9.00pm.

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BBC 2 4.15 Film: Every Girl Should Be Married\* (1948) starring Cary Grant, Betsy Drake and Franchot Tone. A romantic comedy in which Grant plays an unmarried doctor who becomes the object of a shopgirl's desire. Unfortunately for the girl, her employer feels the same way about her. Directed by Don Hartman (first showing on 5.35 News summary with subtitles

5.40 A Wedding on Walton's untain. A Walton's Special, the first of three, reuniting the characters of the series The Waltons. The year is 1947 and Erin is engaged to Paul Northridge, but they cannot agree on a wedding date. Thile they are dithering. Ashley, Erin's former fiance, returns, hoping to persuade her to think again about the marriage. Directed by Lee Phillips.

7.15 Champlonship Darts Special.
The first of two programmes
of highlights from darts competitions shown on BBC this year. Tony Gubba introduces the match that became a titanic struggle between two former world champions, Eric Bristow and Jockey Wilson, when they met in the semi-final round of the Unipart British Professional Championship at the Coathern

8.30 Nature. The last programme of the series that looks at wildlife and the issues affecting the living world. Presented by Tony Soper (see Choice).

9.00 Entertainment USA, Jonathan King with the last of his weekly series that explores the entertainment world of North America. Tonight he is in New York where he presents a programme with a distinctive Christmas atmosphere. 9.25 My Music for Christmas, From

London, Steve Race introduces another in the series of lighthearted musical contests between Frank Muir with John Amis against Denis Norden and Ian Wallace. 9.5\$ Barry at Glembeim. The

second and final part of the concert recorded last August performed before an audience of 40,000 in the grounds of Blenheim Palace. 10.40 News and weather.

10.45 Film: The Roads of Exile (1978) starring François Simor and Dominique Labourier. The first showing on British television for Swiss director Claude Goretta's powerful biography of the later life of the 18th century philosophe lean-lacques Rousseau. It traces his search for an nospitable country after he is hounded from France following the publication of his book, Emile. The second and final part of the film is on this channel tomorrow at 11.10

5.00 Film: The General\* (1926) Starring Buster Keaton as Johnnie Gray, an engine driver on the Western and Atlanta Annabelle Lee and his engine, The General, At the outbreak of the American Civil War nie tries to enlist but is turned down by the authorities. They fail to tell him that it was because he would be an essential civillan as an engine driver. Annabelle Lee thinks he is a coward and refuses to talk to him until he becomes a soldier. Directed by

Keaton and Clyde Bruckman. The Abbott and Costello Show\* Tonight's episode finds Lou about to marry a girl he has never met, only corresponded with through a lonely hearts magazine. Bud, marriage, convinces Lou that he has amnesia and has already married the girl of his dreams.

7.00 Channel Four News with Peter 7.50 Comment. On the scap-box

this evening is Sebastian Charles, Canon of 8.06 Brookside, Marie and Michelle receive the news they have been waiting for in a Christmas card. To celebrate they dash

down to The Swan where they find a happy Barry and Terry who have discovered a new use for the cheap perfume they were unable to sell. Meanwhile, Heather's organizing abilities have breathed new life into Mr Johnsons' business at the same time putting him in a good mood. Back home in the Close, Heather is

overwhelmed with invitations. 8.30 Priestland Right and Wrong. From the Ironbridge Gorge Industrial Museum, the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, Mr Priestland ponders the Protestant work thic in the light of society being unable to provide work for all. If there is no work or the job itself becomes meaningless is it right, asks Mr Priestland, for society to continue to stigmatize the

unemployed? 9.00 Madame Butterffy. Placido Domingo introduces this film directed by Jean Pierre Ponnelle. Made in 1974, the production includes the finest singers of the time, led by Mirella Freni as the delicious geisha Cho-Cho-Sen, known as the Butterfly, who falls in ove with an American lieutenant, Pinkerton (Placido Domingo). Among the supporting cast are Christa Ludwig as Suzuk i and Robert Kerns as Sharpless The opera is sung in Italian (with English

subtities) with the Vienna

conducted by Herbert von

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chastening experience that turns out to be. The Q.E.D. cameras were also at a count in West Virginia for the trial of James
Adkins, accused of armed
robbery after being arrested on
the evidence of three eye- Tonight's last programme in the present Q.E.D. series is a the present Q.E.D. series is a follow-up programme to the ending of last week's edition when a staged mugging was shown. Viewers were invited to telephone in with the identity of the attacker. In EYEWITNESS EVIDENCE...FACT OR FICTION? (BBC1 9.25pm) Dr Anthony Clara snatures. The witnesses - a diverting entertainment for the viewer but Anthony Clare analyses the responses of the viewing public at the same time proving that the human mind is extremely fallible. instanced in one case where a instanced in one case where a viewer recalled the accent of the ranger although on the film clip he did not speak. With a succession of tests Dr Clare

not so for the innocent incarcerated on the strength of the dubious memory of a bystander. bystander.

BBC Bristol's excellent
NATURE series (BBC 2.8.30pm)
comes to the end of its present
run in bloodthirsty fashion tonight
when Brian Leith volunteers his

body for treatment by leeches. Recent research has proved that this centuries-old method of treating many ailments is, in some cases, more effective than modern medicines.

7.45 The Black And The Grey The story of Comne Camp in Scotland, and its part in an experiment to strempt to change the ideology of a nation. Written by Mice Healthy (7).
8.40 Christmas on 4, Dilly Barlow casts her eyes over the treats in eyes.

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8.45 Analysis. The Half Life of French Socialism. With John Ardagh.

8.30 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Tonight's edition includes itams on the two BBC 2 Shakespeare productions, Comedy of Errors and Two Gendermen of Verons, on the record Portrait of Kirl te Kanewa, and on the play Special Occasions at the Ambasadors in London. 9.59 Weather.

10.00 The Burkiss Way.1

11.00 A Book At Bedtime: 'Ask Mamma' by R. S. Surtees (13).

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

12.00 News.

12.10 Weather.

12.15 Shipping Forecast.

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ENGLAND. VHF as above except 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel. 1.55 Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued. 11.00-11.30 Study On 4: L'Italia del Vivo.

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6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice: part one.
Schubert (Adagic and Rondo
Concertante, D 847), Talifs
(Mass: Puer natus est nobis),
Tarrega (Variations on Carnival
in Venice, with Alesandre

 6.30 My Music Seasonal edition of the musical quiz.

 7.00 News.

 7.05 The Archers. Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today 8.25 Shipping Forecast.
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7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day, 8.35 Yesterday in Parlament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News. 7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Ray Gosling - In The House
Of ... (new series) 1: Bill Morris.
A first-hand glimpse of a day in
the kie of a top union man. Mr
Gosling visits Transport House
to meet Bill Morris, the
busmen's national secretary.
Born in Jamaica, he is a full-time
official of the Transport and
General Workers' Union.
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9.05 News.
9.05 Midweek: Henry Kelly.
10.00 News; Gardeners' Cuestion
Time visits Stropshire.
19.30 Morning Story: 'Can I Stay
Here?' by John O'Hara. Read by
Shirly Dixon.
10.45 Daily Service.
11.00 News; Travel; Baker's Dozen
under Stehend Reker's Reser's Dozen

gives the viewers a chance to test his or her power of recall and a

with Richard Baker. 11.48 What's in a Name? Denis Owen examines the strange origins of

names (5). names (b).

12.00 News; You and Yours.

12.27 The Magic Carpet Seven-part dramatization by David Beatty, of the story of the R101 airship (4). 12.55 Weather, Programme

News. 1.00 The World at One: News. 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping

Forecast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour Today's lition includes an item on the edition includes an inert of the plan to improve GPS' relationship with patients through the Patients' Lisison Convinities. And Arma Masey reads the final episode of The Ladies of Lyndon, Alternoon Theatre: Mademoiselle Peart, by Guy de

Magnessele Peart, of cuty the Magnesselt adapted by Sue Glover. With Claire Neilson in the title role, and David Rintout and Frank Middlemass. It is the story of a visit to a tamily on Twelith Night and the discovery of how Mademoiselle Peart came to be sent of the Inmit. part of that family. Time for verse: The Song of

Hiawathe (6).
4.00 News; Just After Four. Roger
Worsley continues his series
about music hall recording

pionears. 4.10 Fighting Back, Last of four programmes investigating the resilience of the human spirit. 4: Economic Trauma, Vincent Kane talks to three people who have had to face up to financial disaster - Jeffrey Archer and Charles Ware, and Jane

Williams.
4.40 Story Time: 'The Shepherd' by Frederick Forsyth (3).
5.00 News Magazine 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather; Programme News. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial

Beschgrove Carols: 17.25-17.13em Crmbus: 12.15 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 5.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.53 Scene Around Str. 11.25-12.15em Omnibu 12.15 News and weather. England: 5.53pm Regional news magazine. 12.05em Close.

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in Verlice, with Alexandre
Lagoya, guitar).†

8.00 News.

8.05 Grieg (Morning, Arabian Dance;
Anitra's Dance; Solveig's Song Peer Gynt), and Beethoven
(Symph No 2 - arranged for
piano trio).†

9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer:
Stravinsky, Michael Beroff plays
the Seremade in A. We also hear
the Berosusses du chat (Ann
Murray, mezzo), Plano Rag
Music (Noel Lee, piano), Elegy
tor JFK (John Shirley-Durk,

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Dylan I nomas (Hobert Tear, lencht.): 19.90 Music for Two Pianos: Britten's introduction and Rondo all Burlesce; Mazurice Segiace; Cyril Scott's Lotus Bend; Bax's Red Autumn; and Grainger's Lincohebing Droy. Plaued by Lincolnshire Posy, Played by Richard Markham and David

baritone), and in Memoriam

Nettle.1 BSC Section Symphony Orchestra: with Yannula Pappas Orchestra: with Yannuta Pappas (soprano). Ambony Payne's Spring's Shining Wake (first performance), Jurine's Canto a Soville and, at 11.25 after the neurval reading. Tchaikovsky's Symph No 1.1 Concert Half: Schumann's

Concert Halt Schumann's Songs and music for plano dust from his children's albums Op 79 and 85: Spanische Liebeslieder, Op 138, With Patricia Rozario (soprano), Susan Mason (mezzo), Adrian Thompson (tenor) and Glyn Davenport

(ustror) and Gryn Daveniport (bartone).1

1.00 News.

1.05 Jazz Greats; Miles Kington presents records featuring the New Orleans trumpeter Henry Red' Allen.1

1.30 Matinea Musicale: Ulster Orchestre, with Romnie Finlay (narpsichord). Handel, arr Harry (Water Music surte), Walter Leigh (Concertino for harpsichord and strings). Butterworth's The Banks of Green Willow; Purcell ed Ferguson (Suite of Lessons), Ireland's The Holy Boy, Purcell ed Ferguson (A Song Tune) and Bryan Kelly's Improvizations on Christmas Carols.1

2.30 Beaux Arts Trio of New York:

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Beaux Arts Trio of New York:

Beathoven's Trio in D, Op 70, No
1 and Mozar's Trio in B Flat, K
502. After the Interval at 3.25,

Dvorak's Trio in E Minor. Op 90

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(Dumky),†
4.00 Choral Evensong, Live from St Alban's Church, Holborn.†

4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: a selection presented by Eleine Pedmore.1
6.30 Albert Sammons: A recording of his 1935 performance of Elgar's Violin Sonata in Eminor, with William Murch as his.

accompanist †
7.00 Diamond from the Ashes: The rediscovery and the first from the Ashes: The rediscovery, early this century, of the Polish poet Cyprian Norwid (he died in 1883) led to his recognition as one of the most original minds in Polish *literature. His centenary is* marked by a reading by Gabriel Woolf and Barbara Leigh-Hurt.

7.30 Studio 7 Concert: The BBC

Philharmonic Orchestra plays Nicholas Sackman's Alap (first performance) and David Blake's Rise, Dove (also a first



(Radio 4, 8,45pm)

Crossroads 6.25-7.00 News 12.10pm Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1,20pm-1,30 Granada

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TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News and Lookaround. 2.30-3.30 QED. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 News. 5.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life.

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### Rate Bill faces big test in Lords

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Councils, which represents many such authorities, said that the Bill "threatens even greater interference in the affairs and activities of local authorities than was originally feared."

The Association of County Councils, also led by Conservatives, said: "The case has still not been made for such unprecedented powers." It said that the supposedly objective assessment through which the councils could escape selective capping could be changed

The Bill gives ministers the power to rewrite from year to year the vaguely defined criteria on which they will pick councils for capping it will allow Mr Jenkin to select a council for capping in 1985 "if it appears to him that its total expenditure in that year is likely to be excessive having regard to general economic conditions."

Dr John Cunningham

Labour spokesman on the Environment, pledged yesterday that a Labour government would repeal the legislation if Mr Jenkin managed. "by hook or by crook" to get it through Parliament (Our Political Correspondent writes).

He added: "For the first time since 1601, Whitehall will have dictatorial powers over every local authority in the land."

Parliament, page 4 Leading article, page 13

### Israeli aircraft watch Arafat armada sail out

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loyalists before their evacuation (Christopher Walker writes). It claimed that despite US pressure, no formal guarantees of safe passage had been given to either Greece or France.

A senior official told The Times: "We are satisfied that by our actions we got over the point that Mr Arafat was leaving by our favour, and not from any form of devine justice or in any legitimate way. We believe that what we did showed up the true nature of the

"The purpose of our policy was to demonstrate that the whole question of safe passage for such terrorists is one that is open to discussion at all times. It is not something they were entitled to by right, as they might have believed."

Arafat's Odyssey, page 6 Leading article, page 13

# Photographer of rare imagination







### Police trace dealer who sold bomb car

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demonstrations in the East End of London and in Trafalgar Square, drawing police strength at a time when officers were needed elsewhere.

Scotland Yard said that it ecognized the right to free speech but "during these troublesome days it would be helpful if potential demon-strators advised us of their

CND said that the demonstrations were spontaneous after rumours that a cruise missile was due to leave the Greenham Common air base. "Had we known, we might have sug-gested the demonstrations did not take place." Prime

prompted by a backbench MP. pointed out in the Commons yesterday that money given by Irish Americans to the IRA might have resulted in the death of an American citizen and the injury of others in the Harrods bombing on Saturday (Our Political Editor writes).

She said the Government condemned as strongly as had President Reagan the money going to Noraid, the Irish Northern, Aid Committee, which is believed by the Government to be the principal fund-raising body for the IRA in the United States.

Mrs Thatcher said that money for Noraid was given to

hose who rejected democracy and pursued the ends of violence, death and destruction

of innocent people.

Mr Michael Colvin, Conservative MP for Romsey and
Waterside, had asked her to endorse a similar statement by Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. when interviewed on American breakfast television on Monday. Mr Colvin said the tragic death of an American might bring home that money given to Noraid "does not go to help widows and orphans, but to create them". Mr John Jume, of the Social

Democratic and Labour Party, asked the Prime Minister to "dampen the hysteria" about Irish-American support for violence. The vast majority of the 44 million Irish Americans did not support it, and their opposition was forcibly exressed by their leaders.

Mrs Thatcher agreed that the overwhelming majority of American and Irish people ondemned violence as a means pressing political ends.

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# Frank Johnson in the Commons

# Determined mood by the Welsh

The chief Opposition spokes-man on Wales yesterday pro-duced a late, but surely dictatorship forcing coun unbestable entrant for least lors to be the very worrying accusation by a ecutioners of their politician in 1983: "This is a services... black day for local government in Wales

sition spokesman on Wales did for Welsh local government not intend his remarks to excite But, that apart, after a w so little concern. It must be one came to the conclus so inthe concern. It must be one came to the concins assumed that we were supposed to feel outrage. But as far as may be, was doing rather we non-Welsh citizens are concerned, if we are to have black days then most people would not complain if they are confined to local government in walls. But if you are Oppoint their own services as Wales. But if you are Oppo- in their own services a sition spokesman on Wales, it is authoritarians doing flags.

The present imcumbent's much more interesting to difficulty in this respect is did Dylan Thomas.

added to by the fact that, like Mr Edwards, the Secret most Welsh males, his name is Mr Jones.

An Opposition spokesman on Wales named Mr Jones starts day long with hopes of recoout with an enormous disadvantage when trying to make his way in the world. The combination of name and subject is the problem. He probably qualifies for all sorts of grants, reverse discrimination, remedial tuition and visits from social workers under various progressive legislation.

There was no doubt yesterday that this Mr Jones thought he was being suitably inflamma-tory and demogogic. It was just that society - on learning that his name is Jones and that his subject was Welsh local government – was prejudiced against remembering who he was or what was his speciality.

But Wales announced man is subject was lacking to humility and humanity.

But Wales was in determined that the subject was the subject was like the subject was was all a disgrace and that moreover, it was lacking to humility and humanity.

But Wales announced man is subject was like the subject was prejudiced against moreover, it was lacking to humility and humanity.

The real Secretary Wales, whose name is Mr Edwards, rose to make a statement on Welsh rate-capping Society, in the form of hundreds of MPs for non-Weish constituencies, fled the chamber in desperation. That is always what happens when experts on Welsh local government move into the neighbourhood. A forforn band of Welsh members were left to ponder Welsh rate-capping.

The one named Jones, who was marginally distinct from all the others named Jones in being the chief Opposition spokesman on Wales, went into action once Mr Edwards sat down. Desperately, Mr Jones simulated anger. This is an authoritarian document", he began. And for many sentences he reacted to rate-capping as if it were Irish knee-capping. "... flagrant act of injustice . . .

Buried in all that was m Wales". sensationally bathetic presumably the chief Opponouncement of the black extremely difficult to get people things with documents of tainly, he made Welsh

> Mr Edwards, the Secret of State, accused Mr Jones

Exaggerating was brisk exaggerations by the time to tomorrow afternoon M. Norman Tebbit the Minist of State at Trade and Industr arrived to announce the Britoil had cancelled an order for an oil rig on the Clyde of the reasonable-sounding ground that the shipyard walls it

very late in building it.

The chief Opposition processing processing on Scotland Military Donald Dewar, perhaps mind ful of the standards already se by Wales announced that is was all a disgrace and that

mined mood yesterday. A. Welsh member had on the order paper a question asking if the Secretary of State would publish "the number of beds patients and special units expressed as the number of available staff beds, and the number of resident patients and as a percentage of their occupancy during special in-patient units or wards in each mental illness hospital and unit in Wales", In a written reply. Mr Ww

Roberts, of the Welsh Office, rates by responding: "I regret that I am unable to under stand the question as posed The questioner was Mi Dafydd Thomas, the Welst Nationalist member for what was described as "Meirion-nydd Nant Conwy". I regret that I am unable to under stand the constituency

### THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

### Today's events

Royal engagements Save the Children Fund, attends the Annual Carol Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, 6.55.

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent attend the London Fire Brigade's Annual Service of Carols

Last chance to see

Cecil Maguire, the Bell Gallery, 13 Adelaide Park, Malone Road,

Christmas exhibition of paint-

London at the age of 79 has robbed the world of the

acknowledged master of twenti-eth century British photogra-

tary and nude photography a

rare imagination and intelli-gence. The high point of his documentary work was reached during the thirties with the publication of The British at Home and A Night in London.

Brandt's camera ranged from

the East End poor to the inhabitants of fashionable

London and set a new standard

for documentary photography. Never again was he to achieve

such heights in this particular

genre. Instead his attention

turned more and more to the

nude: using relatively simple equipment, he brought about the

distortion of limbs that we

recognize as his alone. An

exhibition of his work opens at

the Victoria and Albert Mu-seum next March.

The Times's selection from his

work covers the late thirties to

the early forties. A parloarmaid prepares a bath before dinner; frost encrusts a statue in Crystal

Palace Gardens in London: and

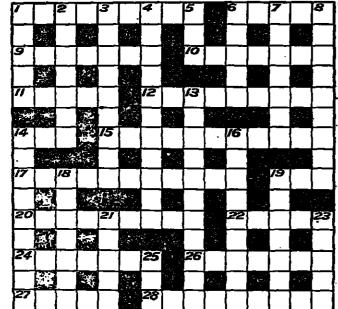
two girls enjoy the sun as a fisherman waits for a bite.

Carol Services

Cathredral School Carol Services, Lincoln Minster, Lincoln, 2.30. Carols by candlelight by the City of Bath Bach Choir Pump Room,

Concert of Christmas music by the West Riding Singers, Holy Trinity Parish Church, Cookridge,

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16.315



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16 Races across the Channel James

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19 Gold coin, perhaps, and ring, in

South American banks (7). She's repeatedly in bed -helped, I think (5).

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Solution of Puzzle No 16.314

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relations of French

- 1 They take off and stop raids
- 6 Such amassed stock auditor takes for large company (5).

  9 Sudden collapse of French import (7).

10 Onset of egalitarianism possibly

- limits this (7). 11 Pervasive atmosphere of a foreign capital (5).

  12 For a skilful player, I act doubly badly with 27 (9).
- 14 Small thing I must have in the other case (3) 15 Notable split? (11). 17 Sea-going crew seen on TV (7,4).
- 19 Strange as what follows and precedes this (3). 20 Cheese very successful in the ong run (9).
- 22 Old man of Paris (5). 24 Russian beauty put in the shade
- 26 Science producing sort of bomb in any case (7). 27 Lord whose opponents shall never meet (5).

28 it can give an edge to the news

- 1 Turn up to help with work, showing where speakers stand
- One in a cage almost worth getting birdseed plant (7).
   Ordering neat gin at police

- 4 A super act 150 contrived (11).
  - **CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10**

ings, drawings, prints and ceramics, Festival Gallery, Pierrepont Place, Bath, Tues to Sat 11-5, closed Sua

closed Sunday (ends Jan 8). Bath. 7.30. Petals from a Lotus: exotic artifacts from India, Cliffe Castle, artifacts from India, Cliffe Castle, Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley, Tues to Sun 10-6 (closed Mon, except Bank Hols) ends July 1984.

Victorian Paintings Workshop; Crafts for Christmas; Leicester Gulld of Craftsmen, both exhibitions at Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, 96 New Walk, Leicester, Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30, closed Friday (Victorian paintings end lan 3-Leeds, 7.45.
Carols concert by Cynthia Glove

(Victorian paintings end Jan 3: Crafts, Dec 28). Paintings, Prints and Drawings by David Hack, Sarah James, Nicholas Sheath and Nigel Tomlinson, Exhibition Gallery, Faculty of Art and Design, Southampton College of Higher Education, East Park Terrace, Southampton; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 4.30, closed Sat and Sun

(soprano), Watford Town Hall, Watford, 7.30, BBC Wales Festival of Nine

Ben Nicholson: The Years of Experiment 1919-1939; City Mu-seum & Art Gallery, Drake Circus, Plymouth; Mon to Sat 10 to 6,

Exhibitions in progress

(ends Jan 13). Christians exhibition of paintings by Falmouth Schookhildren, Falmouth Art Gallery, Municipal Offices, Falmouth, Cornwall; Mon to Fri 10 to 1 and 2 to 4.30, closed Sat and Sun and 22 December to January inclusive (ends Jan 6).

### **Anniversaries**

Births: Leopold von Ranke, author of the History of the Papacy and considered as the father of archival history, Wiehe, Germany, 1795; Sir Joseph Whitworth, Bt. mechanical engineer, Stockport, 1803; Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield, Prime Minister, 1868, 1874-80. London, 1804; Mily Balakirev composer (New Style Jan 2), Nijisi Novgorod, Russia, Deaths: Giovanni Boccaccio, author of the Decameron, Certaldo, Italy, 1375; F. Decameron, Certaldo, Italy, 1375; F. Scott Fitzgerald, novelist, author of The Great Gatsby. Hollywood,

### Christmas cash

Outside dispensing machines will be open at most banks which have the facility over the Christmas and New Year periods. There are now twice as many dispensers as there were a year or so 2go so if one is empty there should be another nearby. This will be particularly helpful to NatWest and Midland Bank customers because these banks have sharing arrangements.

### Fire warning

The Home Office fire statistics for 1982, just published, have a cautionary note for this borne-bound festive season. Not counting chimney tires, just over a quarter of all fires last year occurred in buildings and most of them hor buildings and most of them house! fires. The most common cause (26' per cent) of these building fires was! the accidendial misuse of appliance, es, usually cooking equipment; faulty equipment accounted for another 18 per cent, deliberate ignition for 14 per cent, and carelessness as in the disposal of cigarities for a further 10 per cent.

### First novels of year

Lessons and Carols, St Luke's The Literary Editor's selection of first novels of the years Aisha, by Ahdai Soueli (Cape, 27.50).

Brilliant Creatures, by Clive James (Cape, £7.95).

Coming From Behind, by Howard Jacobson (Chatto & Windus, £7.95).

Flying to Nowhere, by John Fuller (Salamander, £5).

Hunt for the Autumn Clowns, by M. S. Power (Chatto & Windus, £3.50).

Jumping the Oneue, by Mary Weeley (Macmillan, £7.95).

Lord of the Dance, by Robin Lloyd-Lones (Gollancz, £8.95).

Separate Tracks, by Jane Rogers (Faber, £7.95).

The Wolf, by Max Davidson (Quartet, £7.95).

### Roads

London and South-east: A249 Auto signals on Maidstone/Sittingbourne road, from M2 bridge to Sittingbourne carriageway. peak hours between Whalebone Lane, Dagenham and Mawney Road, Romford A4088: Contraflow den Lane, one lane in each

Midlands: A1: Contraflow southbound north of Normans Cross, Cambridgeshire. A14: Lane closures at Huntingdon by-pass. A429: Huntingdon by-pass. A429 dworks on Wellesbourne-Stow road at Halford, Warwickshire. Wales and West: M4: Lane

closures between junction 32 (Cardiff) and junction 34 (Liantrisant; delays, 440: Temporary lights with diversion and delays on Bancyfelin-Camarthen road, M5: Commenting on the Japanese elections the English-language daily Japan Times says: "If the election was a plobiscite on the Tanaka issue, voters as a whole made it Both carriageways resurfaced between junction 26 (Wellington)

Reconstruction at Bonemili Bank. Bishop Aukland. A74: Single lane traffic and contraflow on Moss Band viaduct between Carlisle and

A92: Single-lane traffic, delays at

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France Fr	12.30	11.80
Germany DM	4.06	3.87
Greece Dr	160.00	150.00
Rougkong \$	11.30	10.70
ireland Pt	1.30	1.25
Italy Lira		2340.00
Japan Yen	349.00	331.00
Netherlands Gld	4.58	4.35
Norwas Kr	1152	16.92
Portugal Esc	194.00	184.00
South Africa Rd	1.82	1.69
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Sweden Kr	11.98	11.38
Switzerland Fr	3.26	3.09

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clear that they do not approve of a party that is dominated by a convicted ex-Prime Minister and of

the 'pork barrel' politics he and his followers are believed to represent. The Liberal Democratic Party failed

to secure not only a working majority of 270 but also a simple

majority of 256 in the 511-seat House of Representatives. The number of seats it gained - 250 -

means a major defeat for the ruling party, which held 286 seats in the

Lower House before the election. Voters did, in effect, what the Diet had failed to do. The election was

called as a direct result of the

Parliamentary impasse over the handling of a joint Opposition resolution calling for the voluntary resignation of Mr Kakwei Tanaka.

resignation of Mr Kakuei Tanaka, by either voting against the LDP or abstaining. Many people disapproved of the way the LDP ignored the overwhelming public outery for Mr Tanaka's resignation. The great irony is that Mr Tanaka immelf garnered the largest number of votes of his long political career a figure that far exceeded even the

a figure that far exceeded even the

number he collected while he was Prime Minister."

Commons (2.30): Housing and Building Control Bill, remaining

stages.
Lords (11): Coal Industry Bill,
Repatriation of Prisoners Bill, and

The Michaelmas sittings at the Royal Courts of Justice end today.

nimal Health and Welfare

Law courts

Parliament today

is worth "springing" Yasser Arafat even this second time in an attemp ourne carriageway, no ons. A12: Single lane in offto end what it calls the "cruel end game" of Lebanon. "It seems he will survive and, more than that, return soon to the international scene. But

people to take the step that some Palestinian leader eventually must take to move his people toward their goal of a homeland? Little in Yasser Arafat's career suggests he is manoneyes and ambiguity to oursu an open course towards coexistance with Israel. The question is whethe be can bring himself, at this moment, to risk the one course that

North: A61: Resurfacing work along Barusley Road, near Wake-field, West Yorkshire. A688:

· Scotland: A68: All southbound and northbound traffic over 30cm; diverted north of Dalkeith; north-bound traffic reduced to a single

peak periods in Central Esplanade, Kirkealdy. A72: Single-lane traffic with lights west of A703 junction at

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Portugal Esc	194.00	184.00
South Africa Rd	1.82	1.69
Spain Pta	231.00	221.00
Sweden Kr	11.98	11.38
Switzerland Fr	3.26	3.09
USA S	1.46	1.41

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46F). Channel islands, SW England, S, N

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Channel Islands, SW England, S, N Wales: Showers or longer periods of rain, becoming brighter and mainly dry later; wind SW strong, locally gale becoming moderate or fresh later; max temp 8-10C (46-50F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, central Hightands: Showers or longer periods of rain, some bright intervals; wind S fresh or strong locally gale, veering W moderate; max temp 6-7C (43-45F).

Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glesgow, Argyll, Northern breaks of rain, becoming brighter and drier later; wind light and variable becoming W moderate; max temp 6-8C (43-46F).

Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orlaney, Shetland: Flain, heavy at times, hill fog, wind NE strong locally gale becoming NW moderate or fresh; max temp 6-7C (43-45FF).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Continuing unsettled with showers or longer parlods of rain, but also surmy intervals; temperatures high or a listle above normal.

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SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind SW, strong decreasing Iresh; sea rough becoming moderate. English Channel (Ex Wind SW Iresh; sea moderate. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW strong decreasing Irash; sea rough becoming moderate.

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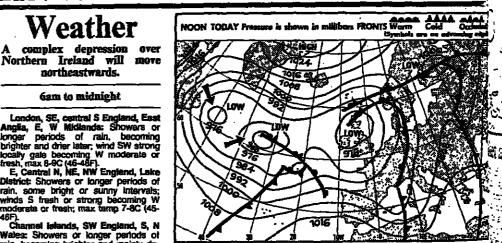
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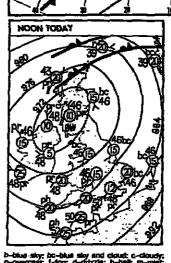
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